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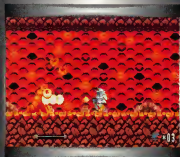
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We're back! (from the show that is). My voice is gone and my feet hurt but here's some insight on the CES. Revolutionary ... Two games, Nintendo's first SFX game Starfox (with special thanks to the dome and those Nintendo girls), and Silpheed by Game Arts (which was mysteriously tucked away between those goofy "Make your own Video" games). Both these titles made me quiver. Other surprises were Alien 3 and Mortal Kombat on the SNES by Acclaim, Taz-Mania and Aero the Acrobat from Sunsoft, Rocket Knight Adventures and both Toons games by Konami, Final Fight CD from Sega, Vikings from Interplay, Flashback from U.S. Gold, Pugsley's Scavenger Hunt from Ocean, Fatal Fury on Genesis from Takara, Terminator CD from Virgin, Sony's Dracula CD, Hudson's Dungeon Explorer 2 and Lords of Thunder, and too many more to list. (Check out our CES special.) But perhaps the biggest story is what wasn't at the CES. Although the Neo Geo seems to be in for it's biggest year ever, there was no booth. Nadda. And Atari was also absent. No new Lynx stuff and no new system. It's hard to understand these no-shows when thousands of consumers are waiting for new screen shots and information. If you're not going to show up at CES, at least provide the press with the necessary information so that we can report to your valuable customers. And lastly, there are some potential new comers to the video game arena. 3DO and Pioneer's LaserActive. Both of these systems show extreme promise for the future as they are way ahead of their time. Other new products to keep your eye on are Sega's "Virtua" Virtual Reality system, Nintendo's new CD-ROM, and Hudson's new 32-bit machine, all three of which show great promise and are in the not too distant future. So after four days of conversation and thumb pounding, my overall outlook is incredibly optimistic. There were fewer bad games at this CES than in previous years and for a Winter show, there were a lot of nearly completed quality games. We've definitely got our work cut out for us and that's the way we like it.

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VIEWPOINT



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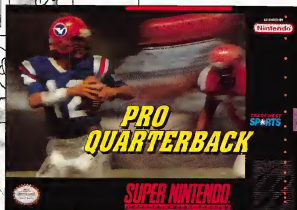
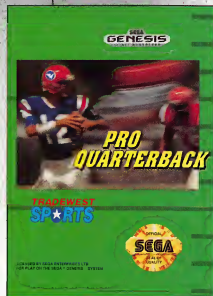
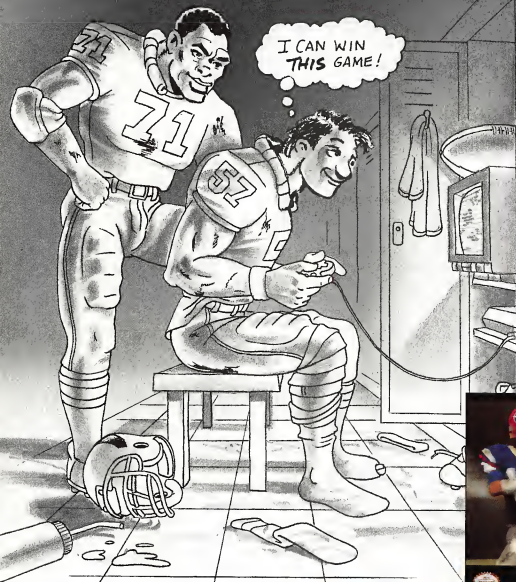


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Street Fighter 2
(SNES Action Replay)

For slow fireball's type:

7E0C B91A

For High fireball's type:

7E10 0A70

For Missing
Backgrounds:
7E00 A249
Burning upercuts:
7E0E F201
Modified backgrounds:
7E03 01B6



Street Fighter 2
(SNES Game Genie)

Boss Code:

10A4 0767 and F0AE 6004

Choose versus mode
then change the back-
ground to one of the
boss stages. Player 2
will be that boss!

Air moves:
EE61 6D69
Auto sonic booms:
BF67 6760
Auto Flash Kick:
BC67 6760
Forever Stars:
A367 6765



**Bio Hazard
Battle**
(Genesis)

Level select:

As soon as
the Sega logo appears
press and hold C.

Then, (while holding C)
at the title screen
press UP, UPPER
RIGHT, RIGHT,
LOWER RIGHT,
DOWN, DOWN LEFT,
LEFT, UPPER LEFT,
and UP. Press the
START button and
select what stage you
want to start at!

Action Replay code
(LIVES)
FFF248003



Black Hole Assault (Sega CD)

Hidden Game:

At the name entry screen enter AZY
then return to the menu screen and
select OPERATION BHA then choose
AZY. This will let you play "Black Ball
Assault".

Visual Scenes:

At the name entry screen enter FOMA
then return to the menu screen and
select OPERATION BHA then choose
This will let you watch the visual
scenes without playing the game!

Super Star Wars (SNES)

Start the game with any character and level select:

On the title screen (when it says START GAME) press A, A, A, X, B, B, B, B, Y, X, X, X,
X, A, Y, Y, Y, B. If the code works properly you should hear a Jawa squeal!

Hidden option screen:

Start the Game then press and hold down A,B,X, Y then press START.

This will take you to a Hidden option screen.

Enter: X, B, A, B, Y for 5 continues. Enter: Y, Y, X, X, A, B, X, A for your Light Saber.



Sonic 2 (Game Gear)

Stage select:

Press and hold:

LOWER LEFT on
the control pad
along with the 1
and 2 buttons.

Wait until the title

screen appears then watch tails. on
the third blink (while his eye is
shut) press start. This will put
you to a stage select!



VIEWPOINT HONESTY IS OUR ONLY EXCUSE

Hot on the heels of the Winter CES in Las Vegas, we've all gathered round to write Viewpoint, and after hours of yelling and arguing here's our honest opinion on this month's offering. But before you get into it let me tell you one thing: you have not - & nor to look forward to, 1993 and 1994 are going to be incredible years for video game players. Make sure to tune in to Viewpoint every month to make sure you don't miss a thing (and you don't get burned with a bad name). Remember, "Honesty is our only excuse."



Nintendo	SKID'S PICK	BRODY'S PICK	TOM SLICK'S PICK	THE ENQUIRER'S PICK
Sega	I reeeally liked Battletoads and Starfox, but the game I've played the most this month is Tiny Toons Genesis. Boing... Boing...	No question about it, Starfox is the only choice you need to make. An amazing game that sets new standards.	It was tough. I liked Ecco because of it's originality, but the SNES version of Tiny Toons is a game I'll play over and over.	This month was easy, Starfox for the SNES is the only real choice, because the best game always picks the best game!

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BATTLETOADS: TRADEWEST - 2 MB - 1-2 PLAYER - SEE REVIEW PG. 16 BY E. STORM

	What can I say... it's Battletoads. It was great on the NES. It's great on the SNES. It's a variation on my Genesis. Identical to the original version with added 16 bit graphics and even better control. don't even think twice, just get it. Zitz, Plimpe, and Reeh never hed it so good.	This is what I've been waiting for, a perfect 16 bit translation of the ever popular NES Battletoads. Tradewest didn't lose any of the playability from the original and enhanced the music and graphics... Incredible!	There is a God, the original Battletoads on 16 bit. This game has it all, great character control, more colors, lots of scrolls, and awesome music. The levels are true to the 8 bit version offering tremendous challenge and spirited characters. The two player option could make this one the best yet on the Genesis.	Tradewest does it again. The 8 bit version has been ported over to 16 bit and it's still a hit. The color and music has all been improved and Tradewest took the flick out. The gameplay is also exact. Tradewest on Genesis has the brightest future in the eyes of this gamer. Bring on the arcade Toads please.
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TINY TOONS: KONAMI - 3 MB - 1-2 PLAYER - SEE REVIEW PG. 20 BY E. STORM

	After playing Tiny Toons on the Super NES I couldn't imagine how Konami could mess it up on the Genesis. I never doubt Konami. They did it with Sonic style action, tons of levels, and excellent platform action. So, although not as graphically impressive as the SNES version it's just as fun. Incredible!	Tiny Toons is another great game from Konami. These programmers have taken the game play from Sonic and Mario, added a somewhat cartoon soundtrack, awesome graphics, humor, and originality. Without a doubt this game is incredible. Konami continues to add instant classics to their lineup of games.	This is the first Mario/Sonic game from the Genesis. Konami is truly amazing. Tiny Toons is fast, open, good control, and is completely different from the Super NES version. For being only a meg, I can't believe the amount of levels and character animation. Konami's too good.	For being Konami's third entry on the Genesis, I can't believe it's perfect. Totally different from its counterparts on the SNES, this version is more like a Sonic/Mario style game. The levels are long and the music fits perfectly. The control is just right. Too good, Konami is the perfect company on any system.
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WOLFCHILD: JVC/CORE - CD - 1-2 PLAYER - SEE REVIEW PG. 22 BY E. STORM

	Wolfchild is the second quality action game this year from Core. Although I would like to see more special effects in a CD title, this game has my interest with its great detailed graphics, good challenge, and awesome sound track. I just hope their next game is Wonderdog 2.	Wolfchild is a good action game that has enough extra features to merit being on CD. I found the game to be fun and challenging to play and I enjoyed the great graphics and sound, with an animated intro plus music that fits each level.	The third installment from JVC to the Sega CD, Wolfchild has its outstanding features. The intro voice sounds like "SportsTalk". The game does, however, have long challenging levels, good music, and very close detail to graphics and animation, but where's the intermissions??	Wolfchild is a solid action game for the Sega CD. This game has cool characters, good control, lots of levels, and one of the best sound tracks. My only complaint is not enough scrolls and color for a CD title. But it's still a solid action title for a new system.
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JAGUAR LJ220 - JVC/CORE - CD - 1-2 PLAYER - SEE REVIEW PG. 26 BY E. STORM

	Core is fast becoming one of my favorite companies. High quality games like Jaguar prove their commitment to quality. The control, graphics, and music are excellent but the best part is the scrolling. Smooth and fast. There's also several play modes to keep you coming back. A little too easy, but fun.	Being one of the first handful of games for the Sega CD, Jaguar really impressed me. Don't expect to see the usual samurai warriors' sines, we're talking smooth hardware scaling, fast to mention a 2 player split screen, gray price mode, password feature, and a track editor. This is truly a great driving game!	LJ220 is the first racing game on any system with good musical scaling. No re-draw! The custom cars and fast paced action make it a great game, but it doesn't give you the feeling of turning tight corners like F-Zero. Split screen option to race with great two player challenge and control is perfect. Needs bigger hills though.	Here's a racing game that truly shows off the CD hardware. JAGUAR is the first race game that I've seen that actually scales sprites, not just backgrounds. But as far as racing games go, it's just ok. It still doesn't capture the F-Zero feeling. The two player game was a little slow, but overall very impressive.
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CHUCK ROCK - JVC/CORE - CD - 1-2 PLAYER - SEE REVIEW PG. 28 BY E. STORM

	Chuck's back and better than ever. It's a more of the same (which is fine with me) but there's much more of it. The added CD soundtracks really adds to the enjoyment and the new levels are a welcome addition. A good game to play. I do have one question though... What the heck ever happened to Gary Gritter???	Chuck gets a facelift in a new and improved CD version of this popular CD title. Why get this one if you've played it originally? Tons more levels, perfectly scrolling CD music, an animated intro, password feature, and new enemies. That's why!	Chuck Rock CD has everything the cartridge version needed with jammin' jungle beats and new levels. It also has cool new enemies, tons of scrolls, and superb sound effects. Graphics are a bit slower and the control is the same as the cart. Definitely the best version yet.	This new version of Chuck Rock, the game will have all come to know and like, it's excellent. The cool, new, new stages, and awesome new tunes is a great way to make an already good game better. Now all I want is part 2... Chuck's kid?
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RISKY WOODS - E.A. - 2 MB - 1-2 PLAYER - SEE REVIEW PG. 29 BY YUNA

	Ahhhhh, a good action game by E.A. I can't believe it! Risky Woods gave even me a formidable challenge. I have a few controllers getting it wrong, but once I did there was no stopping me. The intense graphics and huge bosses gave me the strength I needed to conquer the Risky Woods. Great game.	EA is not known for great action titles but things could change quickly. RW is challenging but fun. The graphics are well detailed and colorful. The game play is frustrating at times, but excellent. Don't expect to finish this one first time through because even the most advanced gamer will be challenged.	This game gave me flashbacks of Ghouls and Ghosts. This game has highly detailed levels with great game play. The character control is quick and each level is unique. The difficulty level of the game will make you determined to go through the whole game. E.A. needs more games like this.	Risky Woods is the best action game by E.A. that I have ever played. RW is put together incredibly well with solid game play from start to finish. It's a little hard but the challenge and graphics added to one really fun to play over and over. What's the next E.A.? Give me more like this one!
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GO THE DOLPHIN - SGBA - 8 MEG - 1 PLAYER - SEE REVIEW PG. 20 BY DR. JONES



Ecco is definitely the most original game of the year. The graphics are high quality and the realism is almost exact. However, for me to partake in such a fast dramatic quest I need good CD music to keep me involved all the way through, especially with such high difficulty. I am anxiously awaiting the CD version.

Once again Sega deviates from the norm. The result is Ecco, the very unique underwater adventure role playing game. Ecco's animation is extremely life like and if you like a good challenge, dive in to 25 levels complete with password. Perfect control plus an involved story line create a new approach to RPG's.

Sega sure can stretch 8 megs a long way. This new generation of adventure/RPG had me automatically addicted. The control is life like with quick response and fluid animation. All the levels are beautifully detailed as well as different. The music is original and the challenge is perfect. This game is incredible!

Sega breaks the mold with Ecco. The control you have over your dolphin is truly extraordinary and the graphics have to be seen to be believed. Truly a game at its own. However, Skid and I both agree that this one needs CD music ... we're waiting.

ADLY MOVES - GANESHA - 2 MEG - 1-2 PLAYER - SEE REVIEW PG. 33 BY DR. JONES



Identical to the SNES, and I like that version! The Ganesha finally gets a decent fighting game, with interesting characters, line scrolls, and great backgrounds. It's not SFI, but it's a good solid fighter.

Deadly Moves comes close to capturing the best anime game that's market. SFI so popular I found this game to be fun when played in the 25 mode against a friend, but too easy when playing against the computer. With great characters, special moves, and the best line scrolls on the Ganesha to date, Deadly Moves is a winner.

Fighting games these days are multiplying like rabbits. Kamek has done a good job though, with large characters, cool moves, and awesome line scrolls. Gameplay is smooth and graphics are sharp. Being Sega's second one-on-one fighting game it stands above most found on other systems.

The Genesis version of Deadly Moves has beautiful art, graphics, and playability to the SNES version. The only difference is the music, was dying for a good one-on-one fighting game on the Genesis, and Kamek must have been reading my mind.

PEAPBOY 2 - TENGEN - 8 MEG - 1-2 PLAYER - SEE REVIEW PG. 31 BY DR. JONES



I always had the urge to have papers at home targets and windows ... anywhere but the porch. Now with a little help from Tengen, I can do it. I need more games with great graphics and voice without ever leaving the house. A huge improvement over part one, and a must for all closet paper boys.

I've had fun playing Paperboy ever since its release in the arcade. Although we've seen Paperboy on every format from Game Gear to SNES, this sequel is the best, with tons of sampled speech, two sides of the street, and lots of humor! Who needs a paper route when you can do damage at home.

Finally a sequel to the arcade classic Paperboy. Part 2 lets you route deliver and destroy both sides of the street. The bike control is fast and the character animation is done well but the game needs more. This is a game for a rainy day and some spare time.

Paperboy 2 is finally out on the Ganesha and it's pretty good. Paperboy 2 expands on the original with two sides to throw things at instead of one as found in the original version. It's a great no-brainer cartridge for those days when you want to play games but don't want to think.

PRO QUARTERBACK - TRADEWEST - 8 MEG - 1-2 PLAYER - SEE REVIEW PG. 30 BY TAYKO



I'm not into sports games unless they are extremely well done and have some top player interaction such as Madden. Pro QB sports these qualities and more with a unique viewpoint, innovative game design, and it's loaded with hard hitting action! Finally a game where I can take my SD Chargers all the way!

In my opinion POB is possibly the best football game that's been released. I really like the perspective, being able to see your receiver instead of passing window is great, plus you can almost feel the tackles. Big character, no clutter, and a tough computer are just a few qualities that make POB worth getting.

Pro Quarterback has the best game perspective a football game could have. The game play itself needs work ... a lot. Player controls is good with nice graphics but a bigger player book and more animation is needed. The game looks good but I'll take Madden any day. Where's the stats?

I was really impressed with Tradewest's Pro Quarterback. The perspective is done really well, and looks very realistic, but it's hard for me to rate because I'm not a big football game fan. Stuck up against most other FB games that I've played, POB rates well, but it's not John Madden.

TARFOX - NINTENDO - 8 MEG - 1 PLAYER - SEE REVIEW PG. 30 BY E. STORM



I would say Star Fox is a truly revolutionary shooter with featured polygon scaling, immense graphics, and sound that measures up to the best of the scale. However, I can not give it a perfect 10 because this is only 10 percent of what the SFX chip can actually do. I can't wait for Super Hero Racing.

At the CES, Starfox was displayed inside a dome with a laser show going on. You played in a chair that also had speakers. The laser and speakers were working in both ears. This was my 1st experience with this game. Would be disappointed when I played at home! No way! A new direction in video games! FX Power!

Nintendo's first SFX game, Starfox, makes all other cartridge shooters look fat by using real time 3D effects not found on other systems. The game has perfect control, light sound shading, and tons of levels each unique from the others. I can't wait for the next SFX game.

Starfox, the first game to utilize the Super FX chip, is also blowing. Everything about it is perfect. Just like Star Blade in the arcade, the feeling Nintendo gave Starfox is like flying an X-Wing fighter in Star Wars. The bosses are huge the levels are long, and the music has to be heard to be believed. Another Nintendo 1st!

TINY TOONS - KONAMI - 3 MEG - 1 PLAYER - SEE REVIEW PG. 36 BY JO



Once again Konami waxes its magic games with a dose of program wand and goes where it's from. This game is a real original, and graphically phenomenal. Tiny Toons is more than I ever expected and one of the best action / platforms I've ever played... Stellar. That's All Folks!

Tiny Toons is one of the best SNES games I've played to date! You will not believe how close Konami has come to duplicating the look and feel of a cartoon! Everything in this cart is equally pleasing from the soundtrack to outstanding graphics. It's hard to imagine what these guys have coming up next! Stay Tooned.

Konami does it again with Tiny Toons! The play control is flawless and every level is completely different. The five bonus rounds are games in themselves. The attention to detail, real cartoon animation, and perfect character personality is found throughout. It's also the best football game I've ever played.

Tiny Toons is destined to become a SNES classic. Everything I expect from a great game is here: great graphics, sound, and game play. While some may think that it is easy, most players will be amazed at how challenging and long it is. This game is just too good. Konami does it again. Encore please!

OMD TRIBES - TECHNOS - 12 MEG - 2 PLAYER - SEE REVIEW PG. 40 BY E. STORM



Hey there's something wrong with my cartridge, there's 8 megs missing! Although this game has nice graphics and color and some hilarious movies, it's way too short and the one-on-one fighting is way weak. I expect from a 12 meg game to stay though.

It's hard to believe this is 12 megs! Where'd they put it? Although a close translation to the arcade, there's just no excitement to jump button-press levels and goofy characters. What gives? Even the 1 on 1 is weak with few special moves. Nice overall presentation but don't come to close to even earlier SNES fighters.

Combiflites for the SNES! Oooohh. 12 megs! Aaaaah. Sounds good doesn't it? Well, it's not! The levels are three times as long with a total of maybe 60 enemies per level. The character control is bad and the animation is worse. The use of colors is good but I expected more for 12 megs.

I was never a big fan of the coin op version, in fact I really didn't like it at all and this is the best action platformer I've ever played. The control and a new one-on-one lighting option. If you're in to Combiflites it's like a dream come true. But I'm wide awake and I need a good game to play.

CHESTER CHEETAH - KANEKO - 2 MEG - 1 PLAYER - SEE REVIEW PG. 41 BY E. STORM



Poor animation and just play a work game! This game from being a big winner. Although too short, Chester Cheetah is pretty fun, with cool music and lots of power-ups. But the gutter thing, plus a break! Talk about a useless power-up that it should have worked on that a bit. But still for some reason I like this game.

Chester Cheetah is nothing new on the SNES. This type of action / platform game has been done many times over. The only difference is that there's just no fun with this one. Jump, grab power-ups, avoid enemies...yawn... Unfortunately it is easy being cheesy.

Yes, it's Chester and yes, it's cheesy! This game is not fun at all. The control is good, nice colors are also used, but that's about it. The game moved way too slow, music and sound effects were poor, and the challenge level is too easy. What's with the guitar?

Chester Cheetah is an okay game with funny cartoon graphics. The game play is slow for Chester moves way too slow for me. The sounds are a bit weak too, but the graphics make it worth trying. This is just an okay game at best. P.S. ... Loose the guitar.

VIKINGS - INTERPLAY - 8 MEG - 2 PLAYER - SEE REVIEW PG. 42 BY AUTO



Vikings on the SNES combines the best of everything, two player interaction, great music, great graphics, and fun, unique game play. Vikings is my kind of game. The little characters are awesome, and it's long and challenging. Way to go Interplay.

With so many games out, it's hard to find something new and original. Vikings mixes a solid strategy with excellent graphics and a killer soundtrack. This is one of those games that you'll play all night because it's so fun you can't stop. Keep your eyes on Interplay, I predict big things to come.

Vikings is a very different side scrolling action game, having you control three characters to find your way through the levels. The music is very up beat and the action takes throughout the game. One of the best I've ever played. I never looked back on it it's a long game, but is not fun to play more than once.

I had a lot of fun with Vikings. These little characters are my cool. The levels are long and difficult and the play ability is just right. The music is nice in the beginning, but after listening to it over and over, it was almost the funny town for me. Ahhhh, magic green nose goblins!

ALBERT ODYSSEY - SUNSOFT - 12 MEG - 1 PLAYER - SEE REVIEW PG. 44 BY SPECIAL N

I love a good RPG, something the U.S. game market has too few of. If Sunsoft don't bring this one out, they're crazy. This is the kind of RPG games dream about with dramatic music, a great storyline and the best fighting scenes you have ever seen. Sunsoft has a huge hit on their hands.

The perfect strategy/RPG has been made. Albert Odyssey is a 13 meg masterpiece filled with hours of mind bending strategy. The masters at Sunsoft have out done themselves and surpassed even the mighty Shining Force. I can't imagine a cartridge going further than this.

I'm not big into RPG's but Albert Odyssey is definitely a game that could get my interest in them. Sunsoft did a beautiful job with crisp games, great music, a great storyline, a nice and in depth which a lot of role playing games are missing. Let's cross our fingers and hope this one comes out to the states.

Being a fan of RPG games, I think Albert Odyssey is definitely one of the best strategic playing games to date. The storyline, music, and play control are unbelievable. The only problem I had with this one was I needed the text to be in English.

KING OF RALLY - MELDAC - 8 MEG - 1 PLAYER - SEE REVIEW PG. 45 BY E. STORM

Finally an original idea! With mode 7 that resembles SD, drive through ten grueling stages on, across and out of the screen. The use of different parts for changing conditions and the great sound effects and control help this game score big with this reviewer! Way gnarly!

Way to go Meldac for doing something new and different. Besides the dazzling mode 7 graphics (which truly simulate a 3D effect) this cart has perfect game play and challenge. I also like having to equip your car depending on what type of terrain your driving on. Overall KOR comes highly recommended.

Out of nowhere Meldac comes out and releases King of Rally. The game uses mode 7 graphics (which scaling on the tracks changing the camera perspective with your direction. The different options let you customize your car for each track. A good fixer but I need more racing than rallying.

This may be this company's first game for the Super Famicom but it's incredible. The graphics, the mode effects are of the highest quality and utilize the system very well. KOR is challenging enough for those who like driving games seriously with 10 levels and great control. An intense driving game.

JAKI CRUSH - NAXAT - 8 MEG - 1.2 PLAYER - SEE REVIEW PG. 47 BY E. HUNTER

Ooooh I'm excited!! Evil pinball hasn't been this good since Devil's Crash. Although mild at first, once you wire the top boards, this one gets kickin' with gnarly bonus rounds and evil demons. Ooooh I gotta turn the lights on...Killer music too. A must for pinball players.

I'm not really into video pinball and Jaki Crush is no exception. Although this game has nice features such as a killer soundtrack, Jaki and evil demons, and numerous bonus rounds, and I don't have enough lasting power to play over and over. In short, a good solid game for pinball people, but I crave more action.

Jaki Crush uses detailed graphics, nice animation, and good ball movement throughout the game. Although a good game, I didn't deliver the speed and excitement I was looking for. Not being a big fan of pinball games, Jaki Crush held my interest with a combination of challenge and ball control.

Naxat has done a great job with Jaki Crush. This pinball game is the first one on Super Famicom and is very impressive. Massive bonus stages, rocking tunes, great graphics, and scaling that has to be seen to be believed make Jaki Crush a game that all pinball gamers should own.

RYVAL TURF 2 - JALECO - 12 MEG - 2 PLAYER - SEE REVIEW PG. 50 BY YODA

Part two is a whole new game. New characters, new graphics and non-stop addictive game play along with the originality and awesome moves a fighting game needs these days to be competitive make Ryval Turf 2 one of the best on the Super Famicom. The programmers at Jaleco have the system fully dialed in!

Rival Turf 2 is a good fighting game. Instead of two player modes, five characters to choose from (each with plenty of special moves), play levels filled with colorful detailed graphics and parallax scrolling, plus good graphics and sound effects get on your nerves. RT2 far surpasses the original and comes highly recommended.

Jaleco strikes back. No... it's not about the Rival Turf 2. I mean, compared to the first one, it's a whole new day. RT2 has excellent control with really cool character animation. The nonstop fighting lasts throughout the game, a feature most SNES games don't have and the bright colors are intense. A definite buy.

All right! A great sequel. Jaleco took Rival Turf one and threw it out the window. Even if you played part one, you'd love this one. Part two has a total of 10 characters to choose from, great moves, more moves, and plays much faster. After playing this one, I hope they make a third.

RANMA 1/2 PART 2 - N.C.S. - 12 MEG - 2 PLAYER - SEE REVIEW PG. 52 BY DR. JONES

Ranma 1/2 part 2 has the necessary qualities that a fighting game needs. That's original and interesting characters, lots of unique moves and a thrilling situation. The story mode has great intermissions and worthy challengers and the one-on-one mode is like a combo of part 1 and SF2. I can hardly wait for part 3.

As far as 1 on 1 fighting games go, Ranma 2 is second only to SF2. There's a total of 12 characters to choose from each with special moves and the graphics are some of the most detailed I've seen yet... Good stuff!

N.C.S. is definitely on top of things. Ranma part 2 is the best one-on-one fighter next to SF2. The game offers 12 characters with cool special attacks and great control. The color and sound effects are also very good. This game makes you use a different fighting technique which makes it stand out from the rest.

Ranma part 2 is a great sequel to the first. Better control, 12 characters and dozens of moves will make this game appealing to all your fighting fanatics out there. I also like the characters, character feature not found in part 1. What's next N.C.S.? hope it's a CD version!

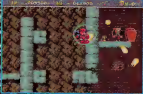
DARKWING DUCK - INTERACTIVE DESIGNS - 7 MEG - 1 PLAYER - SEE REVIEW PG. 55 BY BOO D

After playing this game I think I'd go duck hunting. Either that or I'd just shoot my Turbo Furs. Super control and totally repulsive music. It's like being stuck in an elevator. It's a shame too, because the game is drawn well and has some nice scrolls, after watching Brody suffer, I've had enough to last a life time.

It's unfortunate that few titles that are being released on the Super Famicom are quality games. Darkwing Duck comes close, with a good game idea, and colorful cartoon style graphics, but misses the mark on all other accounts. The control was terrible and what's worse, there are only 2 or 3 music tracks for the whole game!

Although I had high hopes, Darkwing Duck turned out to be a side scrolling action game mess. The characters are drawn nicely, but not given enough animation, and the levels lacked enemy characters. The only thing that saved this game is the control and that as well is poor. Save your money and watch the cartoon.

I think Darkwing Duck should stick to cartoons. The game is too slow offers no excitement, and is not fun. Struggling through Darkwing was good for one thing however; I managed to break my all time frustration record.

THE LEGEND OF HERO TOMMA - IREM - 4 MEG - 1 PLAYER - SEE REVIEW PG. 56 BY E. STORM

This was a great game back in 1990 and it still holds up as an above average game for the system and the only Mario style action game available. However, when you port a game from Japan I think you should take the time to add something new as most Turbo owners have already played this game with a converter.

Hero Tomma is a good solid action game that was released on the PC Engine a few years back and still holds up to date. Although there are no scrolls, (which seems to be a requirement these days) the graphics are still well detailed and colorful. A bit out dated, but fun to play and definitely recommended.

If this game came out around the same time as the PC Engine version it would be more interesting. In all Legend of Hero Tomma is a solid action game with nice control and good challenge. The TG-16 needs more original games and less rehashes of old PC Engine games.

Legend of Hero Tomma is a good typical action shoot 'em up game. While I'm happy IREM decided to bring the popular PC Engine version out to the States, I found it to be a little too bitish for the 90's. I would like to see some new original good games once in a while on HuCard.

GRADIUS GOFER - KONAMI - 6B - 1 PLAYER - SEE REVIEW PG. 58 BY D. KONTLE

There are a lot of Gradius fans out there so all of you stop reading. Okay, the rest of you, I love Konami but this game's time has passed. With hardly any backgrounds the same risks and waves down (1 bit processor), I think it's time for Xenos to squash Gradius and become Konami's new trademark shooter.

Basics excuse music and simplified sound effects, there isn't much else that couldn't have been done on card. I admit that G2 is a great translation from the arcade, and is fun and addictive to play, but I expect a little extra now that the CD ROM is in use for so long overruns. Just a little too much risk though.

Konami faithfully translates Gradius 2 from the arcade to the Super CD. It's complete with all the levels and great music and sound effects. The graphics lacked a little detail and the occasional flicker and slow down takes away from the game. Even though, Gradius 2 is one of the best shooters for the Super CD.

The Gradius series finally makes it to Super CD. I wasn't sure Konami would be able to pull it off but sure enough I was wrong. This is a near perfect translation with flick and slow down being the only flaw. Oh yes - check out the cool 2D Super Nintendo translation in the coin op version. A Gradius fan's dream come true.

CYBERLIP - SNK - 50 MEG - 2 PLAYER - SEE REVIEW PG. 62 BY AUTO

Graphically and playability-wise, Cyberlip is an awesome game with great animation, music, and sound effects, and truly gnarly bosses. There's just not enough of a good thing. Very unlimited continues this one is just too short and easy. I'd like to see it rework with some meat on its bones.

Even though Cyberlip is short, for some reason I play it over and over, great animation, music, and sound effects, and truly gnarly bosses that keep me coming back. Normally I feel cheated when a game is short, but I can't stop going to play I feel like I won't go into into into platform, since there are so few.

Cyberlip is too short, but I liked it anyway. With excellent character graphics, good sound effects, and level 10 is one of the best. I would definitely buy it in an arcade, but it's an older title so you might be able to pick it up for a good price. I hope more action games come out for the Neo Geo.

I only buy a Neo Geo game if it's super long and challenging like Magician Lord or Vampire. Because if you buy them for graphics alone, you'd have to buy every one. Neo Geo graphics are always awesome. This one is a little short though. So I'll rate it accordingly.



Welcome to Game Fan's TOP TEN and MOST WANTED section. Here are the results based on your cards and letters.... Keep them coming, because each time you write in (see instructions below) your name will go into a monthly drawing to win one of the goodies on the bottom of the page. So make your picks and send 'em in!

TOP TEN

- 1 Street Fighter II (SNES)
- 2 Sonic 2 (GEN)
- 3 World Heroes (NEO)
- 4 Mario Kart (SNES)
- 5 Madden '93 (GEN)
- 6 Montana 3 (GEN)
- 7 Art of Fighting (NEO)
- 8 Super Star Wars (SNES)
- 9 NHL '93 (GEN)
- 10 Axelay (SNES)

MOST WANTED

- 1 Batman CD (SEGA CD)
- 2 Super Battletoads (SNES)
- 3 Cybernator (SNES)
- 4 Sonic CD (SEGA CD)
- 5 Phantasy Star IV (GEN)
- 6 Time Gal (SEGA CD)
- 7 Final Fight CD (SEGA CD)
- 8 Revenge of Shinobi 2 (GEN)
- 9 Final Fight 2 (SNES)
- 10 Power Moves (SNES)

First Prize: Your choice of a core **SNES**, **GENESIS**, or **LYNX!!!!** (Cool ha?)

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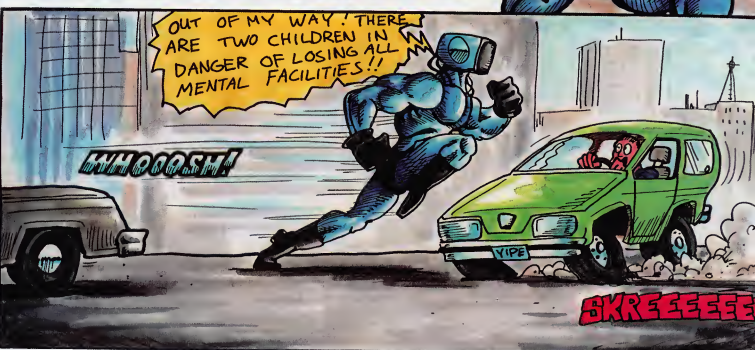
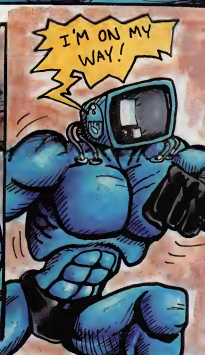
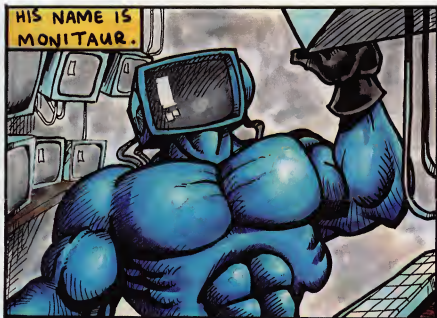
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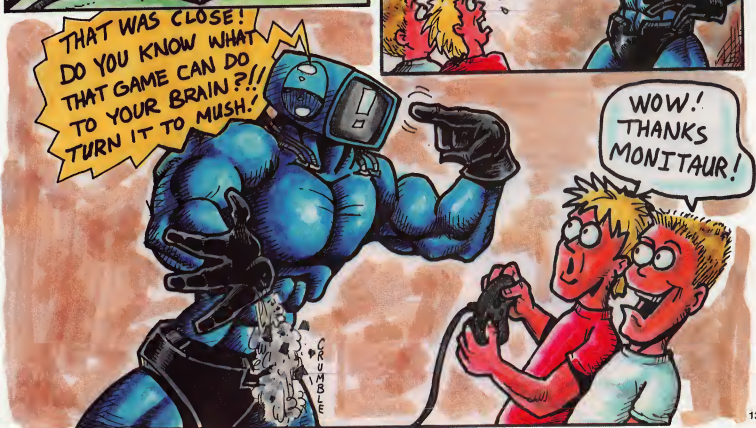
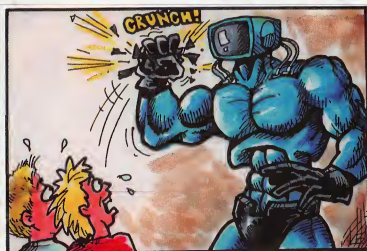
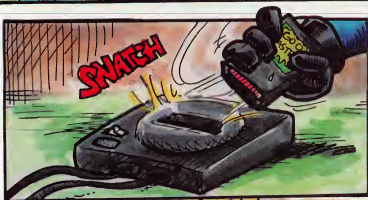
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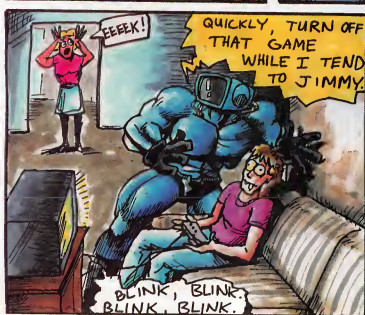
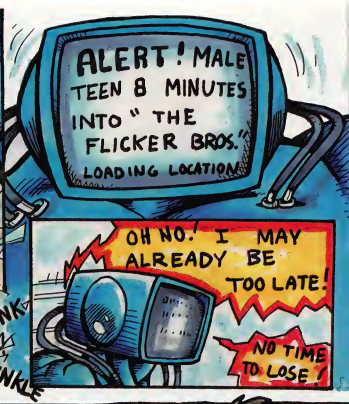
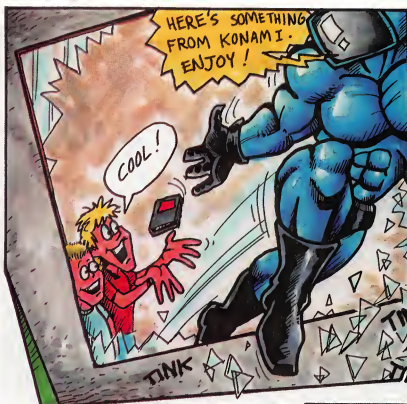
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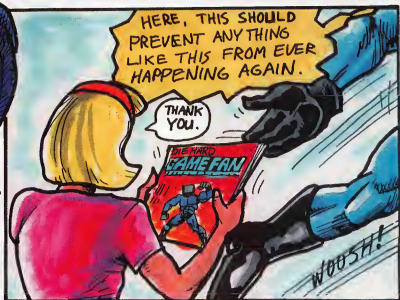
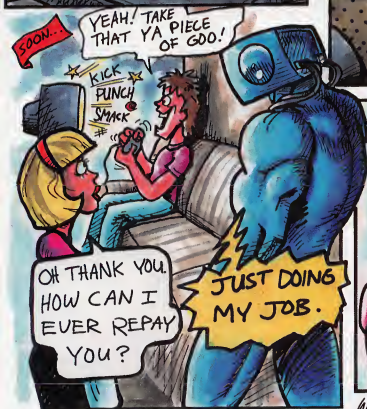
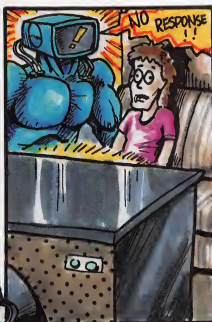
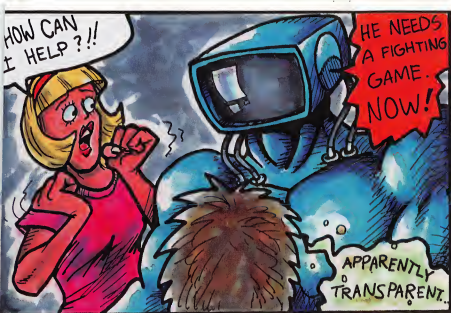
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GENESIS REVIEW



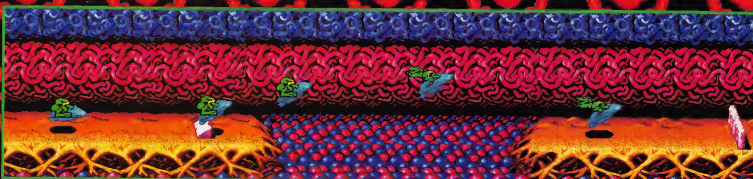
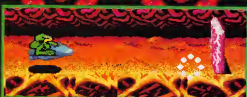
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As we promised you in last month's Battletoads preview, here it is in true Game Fan form. Recently, as the Fed-Ex guy stepped into our office he was confronted by six crazed gamers waiting to play the 16 bit version of



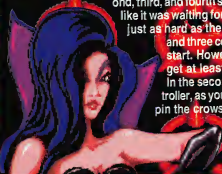
Battletoads that he had tucked under his arm. Then in one brief moment we gang tackled him ripping the package out of his arm then rolled him back into the parking lot and slammed the door. We then proceeded to slam that puppy into our Genesis, jam in the RGB cables, and get to it. (I did the honors of course.) The first thing I noticed about this 16 bit version was the quality of the music. It's the same tunes as the

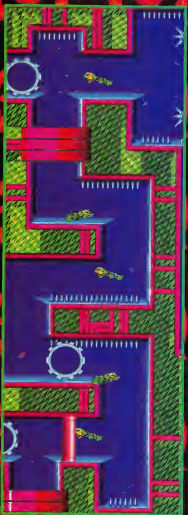




8 bit just much, much better. Tradewest didn't cut any corners. And then, it was on to the game. We already knew that this was a direct port from the NES, so the big question was the control, fun, and most importantly, the difficulty. If you played Battleloads on the NES, you know what I mean, this is one of the hardest games ever created. Not annoy-

ingly hard, it just requires that you're at your best. It's memorization and precision, but at the same time it's so fun you can't stop. (I'm talking about the one player mode, if you beat this one with two players it's time to sign up for the world championships.) I found the control to be perfect, and the game is still extremely fun. The moves are exactly the same, double right or left for a head butt, rapid fire for big fist or boot, and move in and press B to pick up anything on the screen (including player two who I immediately tossed off a cliff). As far as the difficulty goes, at first I thought the game was easier, I got through to the third level warp pretty quick, thinking either I've gotten a lot better or it's just that I'm finally playing this game with a real controller. But then when I got to the second, third, and fourth snake level the difficulty was there like it was waiting for me. From that moment on it was just as hard as the SNES version. You get six lives and three continues, and then it's back to the start. However, I of course found a way to get at least twenty extra lives very easily. In the second level, if you have a turbo controller, as you descend down the impact crater, pin the crows into the corner and turbo the B button. There are twenty-eight crows! So go for the 1 up's big time in this level. This will give





you enough lives to at least memorize the jet bike and snake levels. But if you think you're through the worst of it after that, guess again, the fun is only beginning. I consider myself a very good player (I do after all play and write about games for a living) and this one took me over ten hours of constant play to beat. That hasn't happened on a Genesis game in quite some time. But like I said before it is extremely fun all the way through. As far as the graphics go, you've basically got the NES version with added parallax, colors, and shading (in other words the graphics are great). You won't find mega-animation or lots of special effects, but that's not what this game is all about. This is an extremely creative and diverse solid action game with so much variety it's like five games in one. These types of ingenious games are few and far between, so take your time and enjoy this one and then get ready for the SNES version which employs all the trademark Toads qualities and uses huge characters and effects you will have to see to believe. Tradewest has a one-two punch to start off '93 that will be hard to equal, from where I sit (in front of my monitor) things are looking extremely good.

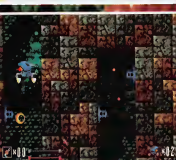
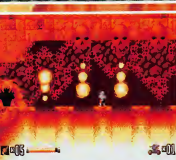
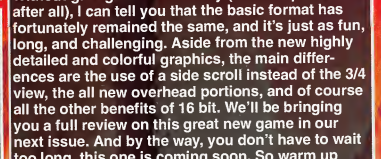


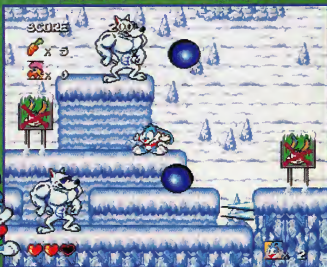
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BLASTER MASTER 2



If you owned a NES system like so many of us, you probably have very fond memories of Blaster Master, the incredibly long and challenging action game where you fought both in and out of your high tech ATV through countless new and strange worlds. For me this was one of the most memorable 8 bit titles I have ever had the pleasure to conquer and now Sunsoft has got the all new 16 bit sequel ready to roll out onto your Genesis. Without giving too much away (this is a preview after all), I can tell you that the basic format has fortunately remained the same, and it's just as fun, long, and challenging. Aside from the new highly detailed and colorful graphics, the main differences are the use of a side scroll instead of the 3/4 view, the all new overhead portions, and of course all the other benefits of 16 bit. We'll be bringing you a full review on this great new game in our next issue. And by the way, you don't have to wait too long, this one is coming soon. So warm up your Genesis Blaster Master is back.



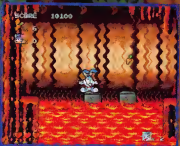


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How lucky can we get? Konami has invented not one, but two Tiny Toons Adventures. Both games are intense, yet totally different. This version combines the structure of Super Mario World with Sonic / Mario style action.

That bonehead, Dr. Gene Splicer, has brainwashed all the Toons and kidnapped Babs Bunny, Fifi, and Shirley the Loon (him and Montana Max have teamed up to find the treasure) so it's up to you, as the bouncing little Buster Bunny, to romp upon his melon and return order to Acme Looniversity. To do this you have several cool attack techniques, like head bouncing, power slides, grappling, and special powers that when used, summon one of your Toon buddies which zip across the screen to take out everything in your path. Now for the game itself, go to the fridge and grab some supplies, your going to be here for awhile (however,





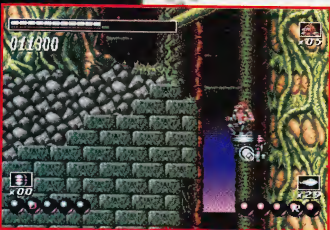
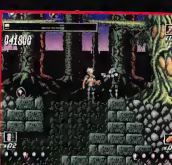
some bothersome annoyance pulls you away, there's a password feature). Tiny Toons is long and challenging, there's a lot of precision jumping, different paths to take, and hidden bonus rooms to find as you journey across wilderness, forests, caves, pirate ships, snow covered mountains, and mechanized levels and there's no annoying time limit so you can explore and pickup everything you need along the way. As far as control goes, it's very good. Buster's jumps are extremely fast, but once you get it wired, you'll be bouncing all over the place. And finally there's the graphics. For a four meg game of this incredible length, we were overwhelmed at the amount of animations on Buster, the awesome backgrounds, and



the speed of the game with no signs of flicker or slow down. It just goes to show as all that four meg is not a curse, when worked with properly true masters can pack in quite a bit and Konami's programmers truly are masters, shining new life onto Genesis systems everywhere ... So what's next?

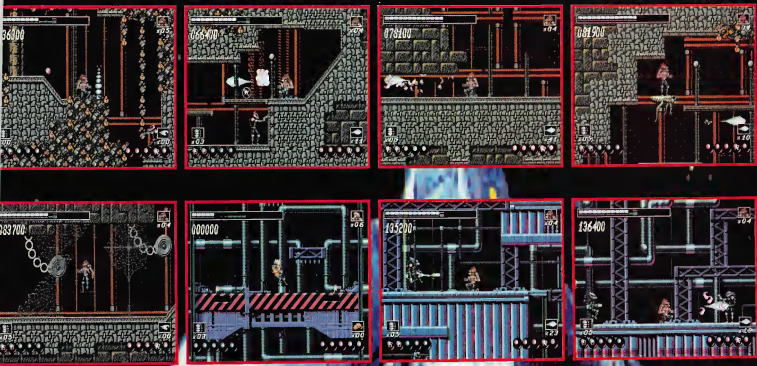


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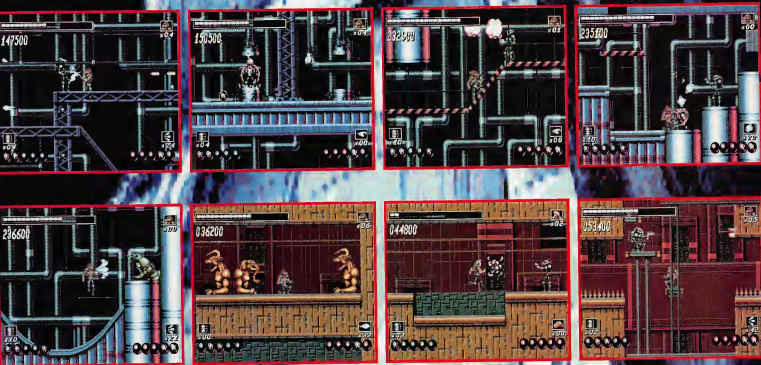


Intro and explanation of why and what your mission is and from then on, it's all non stop action. Enemies come from all sides and even out of the ground requiring you to memorize each of their locations to successfully grab the powerups that will both transform and keep you into the Wolfchild character. As the wolf everything is much easier as you can shoot power bursts and shots (depending on what powerups you acquire) at distant enemies. When in human form you can only punch forcing you to jump and dodge until you are in close range. In other words, take your time and remain the wolf. The levels in Wolfchild also require a certain amount of strategy as they are





quite complex both horizontally and vertically, and usually conceal numerous hidden rooms and secret places. Over all Wolfchild is an excellent platform action game, especially with the added CD soundtrack, and, further proof that Core/JVC is an awesome combination serious about producing high quality CD software ... I'm sure we'll get our scaling and rotation very soon!





In the beginning ...

It has been 5 years since I first saw Outrun in the arcades. During this time, we have seen the decline of 8 bit home systems, the arrival of 16 bit portables, and the introduction of the Neo Geo arcade system. At no point during this time have any of these systems (with the notable exception of Atari's little Lynx) shown that they can produce games like Outrun, Powerdrift, Super Monaco GP, at all. The object scaling powers of the arcade have been ignored by even the most powerful home systems.

CD me .. As an arcade racing hound of some reputation, I have waited breathlessly as system after system have promised "the arcade experience". This may be true of games like "Flicky" or "Kabloey", but when it came to the high flying games like Afterburner or Big Run, the home versions have offered little to no "experience".

I wait no more. Sega of America has kindly graced our entertainment rooms with Sega CD, and now JVC and Core have produced the first, the only Talko certified arcade hardware scaling, first person racing game on a home system; Jaguar XJ220.



WATCH THE SIDES!



SCALE INTO THE WINNER'S CIRCLE



SWITZERLAND'S ICY CAVES





the review.

As racing games go, Jaguar is a fairly pedestrian, 16 track, world grand prix circuit tour that saves your progress along the way. It offers vehicle repair between races and options that allow you to choose one of 12 CD quality tunes (that are a little muzak-ish for a driving game) and adjust the length of race to bring the pits into play. There is also a split screen 2 player mode which (in the pre release version we reviewed) is way slow relative to the speed of the one player contest. Additionally, there is a course architect (great idea guys!) and multiple weather conditions. But, all this is really incidental. Jaguar XJ220 is not a revolutionary concept, but is revolutionary in execution.

The scaling has to be seen to be believed. Large signs, trees, vehicles, buildings, etc. make their way toward you quickly, effortlessly expanding as they make their way toward your speeding vehicle. No more pine trees that are the same height as the top of your car. This baby rips through buildings and tunnels like a hot knife through butter.

We were all expecting great things from the Sega CD in 1993. With Batman returns, Montana CD, and Powerdirt on the horizon, things were looking good. But, even I did not expect to see something this good, this soon.

There will probably be better racing games on Sega CD later in 1993 and in 1994, but, until then, Jaguar XJ220 is the king of the black top. A new generation of home arcade racing games has begun



JAGUAR SANDWICH!



SPLIT SCREEN COMPETITION



SMILE!



FILL 'ER UP!

SEGA
ADVENTURE
1 PLAYER
8 MEG
AVAILABLE NOW



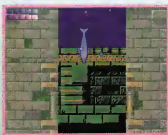
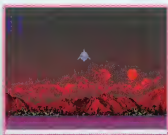
Every 500 years a monstrous storm strikes the ocean mysteriously wiping out most of the creatures of the deep sea. Another 500 years has passed since the last storm and a young dolphin, Ecco, is the only one from his pod (family) that survived. Ecco is (thankfully) unlike any game I've experienced.

This game brings you through 26 unique and beautifully detailed oceanic areas. You won't believe your eyes, with some of the most "alien"



graphics on any game. The animation is so life-like and realistic that after a few minutes you have the feel and control of a dolphin. With the use of sound, Ecco can communicate with friendly sea creatures.



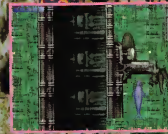
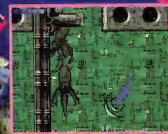


and sing his song to the old crystal called glyphs and unlock their knowledge to help him on the journey. Ecco's sonar also has the ability of a long range map to check if you're on the right path. This game brings you from the lost world of Atlantis through time 5 million years to Jurassic beach and the land of the dinosaurs. Each level brings you to a new challenge in the underwater caves. The music is just as innovative as the game with calm and peaceful organs. Sega has once again set a

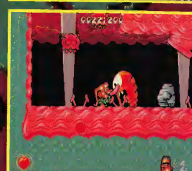


new standard for the next generation of game players. With Ecco being only 8 megs, it makes me wonder what Sega has in the future for us. I couldn't find one thing wrong with the game. It's unique in every concept.

Discover Ecco and find out how high you can fly.



ACHOO!
JVC/CORE
ACTION
1 PLAYER
CD
AVAIL NOW



If you've never played Chuck Rock and you've got a Sega CD, now's your chance. Or, even if you've played the cartridge, (and liked it) it's still worth checking out the CD version, as it is loaded with new levels, an animated intro, (kind of a yawn though) and a nice CD sound track. If you're not familiar with Chuck Rock, here's a basic run down: Chuck is a sleazy caveman who attacks with his bloated beer belly and stacks boulders to reach high places. About the only thing Chuck has going for him is his sexy wife, Ophelia Rock. But one day as she's hanging up his laundered loincloth (he's inside watching the Rock Games) the

local weirdo, Gary Gritter, sneaks up behind her, clubs her on the head, and drags her away. Now it's up to Chuck to save her (Original huh?) ... not. Graphically, Chuck Rock is excellent both in the characters and the back-grounds and once you get used to it, the control is perfect. With the added features of the CD things are looking better for Chuck. I enjoyed this game all the way through and I've played it many times. I only wish they had added some new bosses and

maybe some special effects. But until the sequel comes out this one will do just fine. Chuck it out! JVC/Core is an awesome combination.



EA
ACTION
1 PLAYER
3 MEG
AVAIL NOW

RISKY WOODS



Electronic Arts has its first really good side scroll action title with Risky Woods. Mixing a Ghouls & Ghosts style structure with some of the most colorful and detailed graphics you've ever seen on the Genesis, Risky Woods offers a serious challenge to all who dare conquer it. At first you might find the controls hard to master, not because they're bad but because they're different. However, once you master the character you will be thoroughly glued. The goal here is to free the monks who have been turned into statues by the evil Draxos, since the monks are gone there's evil everywhere and it's up to you the young warrior Rohan to send him back to his evil home. While on this quest you will encounter some great play mechanics and truly gnarly bosses along with a cast of characters that only Boris Karloff could love. Risky Woods is the kind of game I can't wait to get my hands on and one only the true masters will defeat.



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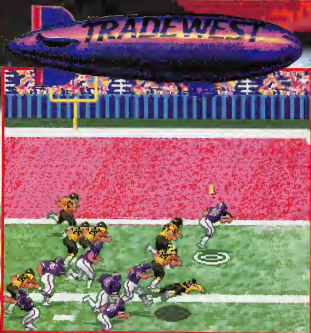


TRADEWEST
SPORTS
2 PLAYERS
8 MEG
AVAILABLE NOW

As you may recall, I was a big fan of the SNES version of this title, giving it the "prestigious" DHGF football game of the year award in our annual football blowout in issue #2. I am happy to say that the Genesis version is also a winner featuring slightly improved gameplay and better game control than the SNES version. While the scaling and color pallet/resolution are not as smooth and defined as in the SNES game, the Genesis version presents an excellent first person game in it's own right, without the flickering found in the Nintendo title. It is very easy to pick out open receivers running their route downfield and to guide them toward the ball. The scaling is smooth and you can feel every hit.

As in the SNES version, Genesis Pro QB has a tough computer opponent that will always give you a good but high scoring game. With teammate, instant replay, head to head and, weather/field options, Tradewest has produced another gridiron winner in the ever expanding lineup of quality Genesis sports titles.

Talko Tip: When running with, or after catching, the ball, timely use of the "A" button is the key to breaking tackles for long games. If you hit the button too soon the defender will nail you, and if you hit it too often, you increase the chances of fumbling.



Fingertip catches!



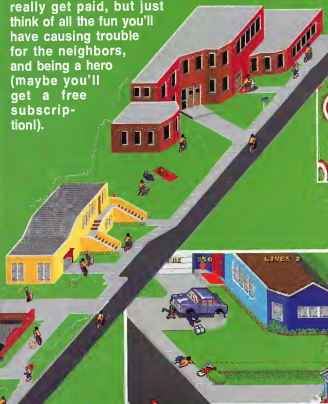
PAPERBOY II



TENSE
ACTION
2 PLAYER
4 MEG
AVAIL MAR.



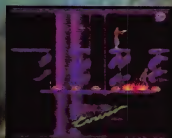
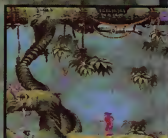
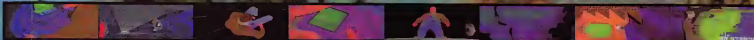
A) You had a paper route when you were a kid and always wanted to tag everything in sight, or B) You stood in the arcades when this game was hot and blew all your money. Either way, you're a fan of the Paperboy series and your game has arrived. This game is everything you like about the original but much, much, more. With awesome new features like a wider street with 2 sides of fun instead of one, a faster smoother game, and more humorous targets then ever before. But the best thing about Paperboy 2 is definitely the added voice. This new enhancement really adds to the paperboy experience. The Graphic presentation in part 2 is also improved, with better detail in both the neighborhood and stunt track levels. So basically, this is the Paperboy to beat all Paperboy's (or girls). The only drawback is that you don't really get paid, but just think of all the fun you'll have causing trouble for the neighbors, and being a hero (maybe you'll get a free subscription!).



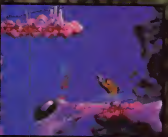
FLASHBACK

Prepare to be blown away because U.S. Gold has a serious game in the works, Flashback! Designed to show that CD quality games can be released on cartridge format, Flashback pushes the Genesis way beyond its normal limits. The first thing you'll notice about this game is that it features some of the smoothest and most lifelike animation seen on any video game yet. (The main character alone contains over 2000 frames running at 24 frames per second!) This was achieved by filming live actors, then illustrating their motions into computer graphics. The end result is amazing and looks like your watching a movie. The storyline is also

U.S. GOLD
ACTION/ADV.
1 PLAYER
12 MEG
AVAIL. MAR.



noteworthy as the game unfolds with cinematic intermissions and an involving plot. Your character, Conrad Hart, is a master marksman who keeps a cool head when dealing with deadly situations. Stumbling on a deadly secret, he finds himself kidnapped and imprisoned in a space station. What's worse, your memory has been erased as well! Tackle six levels fighting for your life and memory in an effort to return to Earth and stop the conspiracy. While we haven't reviewed a reviewable copy, (everything was grabbed from video tape) what we did get completely stunned all who saw. Keep your eyes peeled in upcoming issues for a full review, as this game could be the best cartridge game of all time.



Deadly MOVES

The Genesis (not known for fighting games) and Kaneko (also not known for fighting games) team up to bring you a fighting game rivaling the SNES version. Deadly Moves features 8 martial arts characters each with a trained technique in fighting. This game has responsive character control and impressive line scrolls along with smooth character animation. The ability to walk in and out of the background allows for unique playability not found in most of today's fighting games. Something else that surprised me was the quality music which went very well with each level. Even though I beat the computer easily, I still challenge friends frequently and Deadly Moves 2 does have the lasting power a fighting game needs to be worthy of owning. So if your into Fighters I highly recommend it.

**KANEKO
FIGHTING
2 PLAYER
8 MEG
AVAIL NOW**



EX-PIRANZA

SEGA OF JAPAN
SHOOTER
1 PLAYER
8 MEG
AVAIL MAR. JAPAN



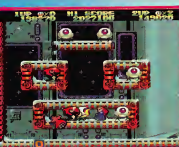
Gau Entertainment, a new company producing games in Japan, is in the process of working a miracle on the Mega Drive. No matter how good these very early screens look you could not possibly realize how good this game is without seeing it move, I guarantee you've never seen anything like it. There is so much animation and excellent play control it makes you wonder if we've even nicked the surface of what cartridge games can do. So get ready for line scrolls, scaling, mega animation, awesome color, and super playability all on cartridge! Get ready for Ex-Piranza (Working title). We'll have more on this incredible new game soon along with an interview on this innovative new company.



SNOWBROS

NICK & TOM

TOPLAN
ACTION
2 PLAYER
8 MEG
TO BE ANNOUNCED



If you frequented the arcades back in 1990 you'll recognize the Snow Bros. It was quite popular then and should remain that way on the MegaDrive. Topplan's done a great job converting this one perfectly with all the humor and originality of the arcade. Two players is the way to go on this one as your two little dwarf snow creatures roll up the enemies in snow and role them off the screen. One hit and you're melted and sent to the bottom of the level. You must successfully clear 10 stages in each round to reach the bosses, which are very well drawn. One of the high-points of the game is the fun you'll have watching yourself play Snow Bros. They have a constant (and funny) smile on their face and they continually flip around when they jump. The bosses are also well animated and have a clayman look to them. When you beat the first half(50 levels) you may think it's over, but the Snow Bros. get captured! Then it's up to their girlfriends to save them.... and clear 50 more levels. So if you're into the occasional diversion or you just want something different, this is the one to get... It's a fun little game well worth owning.

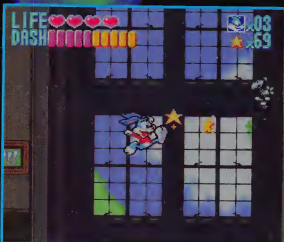
PLANET SNES



SUPER NES REVIEW



KONAMI
ACTION
1 PLAYER
8 MEG
AVAIL. MAR.



After sorting through all the Christmas games and goodies that Santa dropped down 99's chimney, my first thought was, "Whoa, all these 16 bit games and the majority of them are crud!" Glancing down, I noticed there was one package unopened. The card read, "Merry Christmas 99 from K.W.J.", one of Santa's helpers from Konami. I started to get excited as I anxiously ripped open the bubble pack. It was a Tiny Toons' adventure on the SNES called "Buster Busts Loose". The first thing I noticed about BBL is that Konami did a fantastic job in portraying the likeness of the Tiny Toons characters on the SNES. BBL is meant to represent a cartoon/game show. Babs and Buster are the hosts of the show and will entertain you in between each round. While almost all of the popular Tiny Toons characters make a cameo appearance, Buster takes the lead and is clearly the star of the

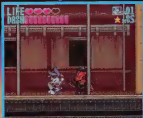
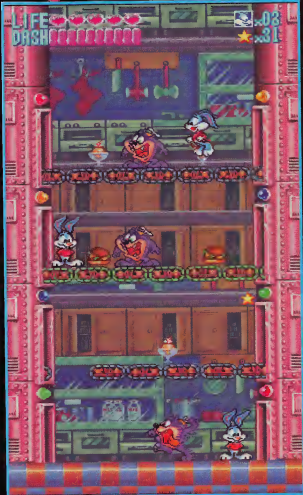


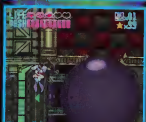


how. What was refreshing about BBL is a lot of diversity in the game play, which works in conjunction with how the levels are constructed. There are also these cool mini-games in between each stage that can be found in the main stages as well. Are we okay so far? Allow me to elaborate.

BBL is comprised of six levels of eight horizontal side scrolling action, and each level has four or more sub levels. After you have successfully completed a round, Babs and Buster will greet you as hosts of the show and ask you to spin the bonus game wheel. The player

will land on one of five bonus games to play, ranging from the mystery weight challenge to a rousting game of squash with fur ball. By winning a bonus round the player can earn some tasty 1 ups to help finish the game. Buster can muster up incredible amounts of speed by pressing the dash button. In this





respect, we can say he is a cross between Sonic and the Road Runner. Buster also has three different methods of attack, two of which are dash moves. **Dashing Dive:** When Buster is dashing, he can dive and skid. This move is reminiscent of Pete Rose diving into first base. **Dashing Kick:** After Buster has built up enough speed, he can jump in the air, placing his huge left foot out front, pow-

dering everything it comes in contact with.

Drop Kick: Buster can perform a back flip from a standing still position, which is an acrobatic feat in itself.

I hate to keep sounding like a broken record, but graphics once again will set a standard in the industry. (Check out the graphics in level three, they are way hot!) The music soundtracks are from the cartoon and as usual the quality of

the samples meet the requirements of Konami's high standards. Need I say more? Don't be fooled into thinking this is a kiddie game in lieu of its cartoon license because it's not at all. But if you're not old enough to understand



football, you will have trouble with the fourth stage. If I had any complaint at all it is that the artwork on the main character is so good, I really don't feel the need for a black outline around them to make them stand out.

99 says give this one a try. Konami has some tried and true methods of proving entertainment value in their games. 99 out.

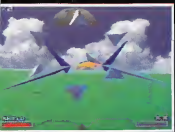


STARFOX

SUPER FX

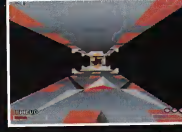
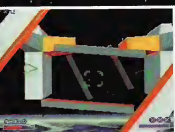


NINTENDO
SHOOTER
1 PLAYER
8 MEG SFX
AVAIL. MAR.



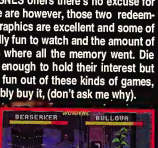
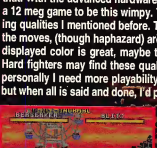
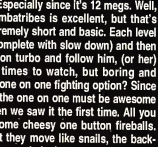
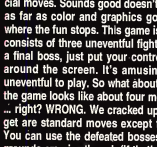
The most incredible game ever to appear on cartridge format and the first Super FX game has arrived. Nintendo's Starfox offers players a feeling never before experienced outside of the arcade. Maneuver your ship through incredible new worlds filled with huge scaling polygons and animated enemies that have to be seen to be believed. Believe it or not this is just a fraction of what this new chip is actually capable of, so you can imagine what Nintendo has in store for us in the near future as they surpass CD quality on cartridge format. This is one of those games that every Super NES owner **must** have. No matter how many times you play it you'll find yourself

coming back for more, and if you have a quality sound system such as surround you will not believe the experience as Starfox has earth pounding base and alien voices that help put you in the game. Starfox is another first for Nintendo, and just the first in what will be a long line of new and innovative games that you don't need an expensive peripheral to play. Who needs a CD-ROM when you can experience this kind of quality gaming right now.



THE COMBATRIBES

TECHNOS
FIGHTING
2 PLAYER
12 MEG
AVAIL MAR



Straight out of the arcades and into your SNES, it's *Combatribes*, where brutal little muscle heads slam, bang, and butt their way to ridding New York City of the ultra-gnarly Ground Zero gang. Choose from Berzerker, Bullover, or Blitz, each with their own trademark fighting styles and special moves. Sounds good doesn't it? Especially since it's 12 megs. Well, as far as color and graphics go, *Combatribes* is excellent, but that's where the fun stops. This game is extremely short and basic. Each level consists of three uneventful fights, (complete with slow down) and then a final boss, just put your controller on turbo and follow him, (or her) around the screen. It's amusing at times to watch, but boring and uneventful to play. So what about the one on one fighting option? Since the game looks like about four megs, the one on one must be awesome ... right? WRONG. We cracked up when we saw it the first time. All you get are standard moves except for some cheesy one button fireballs. You can use the defeated bosses, but they move like snails, the backgrounds are nice though (if that's any consolation). To me, after waiting a year for a 12 meg game to come out it should be really good, but *Combatribes* feels more like a four meg game and just an okay one at that. With the advanced hardware the SNES offers there's no excuse for a 12 meg game to be this wimpy. There are however, those two redeeming qualities I mentioned before. The graphics are excellent and some of the moves, (though haphazard) are really fun to watch and the amount of displayed color is great, maybe that's where all the memory went. Die Hard fighters may find these qualities enough to hold their interest but personally I need more playability and fun out of these kinds of games, but when all is said and done, I'd probably buy it, (don't ask me why).

CHESTER CHEETAH

TOO COOL TO FOOL



KENKO
ACTION
1 PLAYER
8 MEG
AVAIL NOW

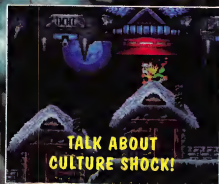
Corporate America has opened it's eyes and is looking to us gamers for some choice advertising opportunities, now that we've been herded into our houses, (and TV is oh so dull) they've got to get into our video games so we'll buy their little snacks. Yes ... it's time for food games! Not that Chester Cheetah is a bad game, I mean it's ok. The color is excellent and the music is decent too. And Chester himself is fun to control and does some cool things like run fast, cop

shades, and crawl through pipes. Where this game fails to deliver is in originality, artistry, and animation. The enemy characters are drawn blocky, almost like the ones mom used to stick on the fridge when you were in the second grade, and the animation is just not there. Nothing moves fluidly, but somehow, I enjoyed playing this game enough to finish it (about 30 to 40 minutes) and have gone back to it a couple of times since. It's put together well and like I said before, it's very colorful. You also get some diversity with each new level and the last boss (the last level is a shooter) scales nicely. I think Kaneko is a promising company. Their last few games have been pretty good and Chester Cheetah is a game worth owning. I don't feel the sudden urge to stuff my gorge with Cheetos, but I had fun. Check it out.



THE LOST VIKINGS

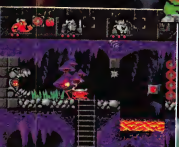
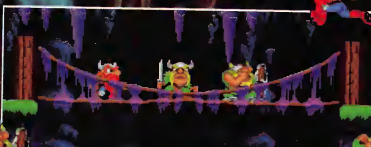
INTERPLAY
ACTION
2 PLAYER
8 MEG
AVAIL. NOW



Imagine you're a lonesome Viking content after eating a hearty meal and all of a sudden out of nowhere you are kidnapped and flung into a strange new world along with your best buddies. Thank Thor that they're along, as you could never make your way home without their skills. The object is to get this band of lost Vikings home.

You must help fleet footed Eric the Swift, Baleeg the Ferce, the vicious barbarian, and Onif the Stout, the invincible shield, use their superior Nordic logic to figure your way out of each level.

The Lost Vikings is one of the most fun and original games I've ever played on the Super NES. The animation on the characters is hilarious. They each look and act like genuine vikings, doing things like picking their nose and burping after a good meal. For what is basically an action/sategy game, the game play and character control is perfect, rivaling even some of the best action platform games around. And the techno style music is phenomenal, reminiscent of Yuzo Koshiro, and quite a surprise in this style of game. Definitely appreciated. Interplay really put in the work required to make this game worthy of a true old hand gamer. You can tell that this game was programmed by people who play games ... INCREDIBLE!



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THAT'S ATARI MUSIC 2

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ALPHA MISSION 2
KING OF MONSTERS
CROSSED SWORDS/SEN-
GOKU
ART OF FIGHTING

JARCO
SDP
SAINT DRAGON
NOID LAND

TEGA
OUT RUN
AFTER BURNER
GALAXY FORCE
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GROUND
COLUMBUS/COLUMBUS 2
SST BRAND LIVE
SUPER SONIC TERNAL/STARK
HYPER DRIVE SST BRAND
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TECHNOS JAPAN
DOUBLE DRAGON 1 & 2

DATA EAST
VAPOR TRAIL
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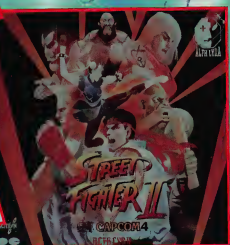
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GAME MUSIC BEST OF THE YEAR
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Charge the enemy in awesome multi screen attacks!



In my everlasting quest for quality RPG's, my latest discovery is the incredible Albert Odyssey. Currently this one is only available in Japan, however, Sunsoft is considering an American version. This is a story of revenge. Sophia's father (a powerful magician) has been murdered by the dark wizard Oswald and now Albert, Sophia, the monk Noiman, and Soon the knight "slay" will set out to fight Oswald's evil army, reclaim villages, kill Oswald and restore peace. From the moment you turn this game on, it is truly amazing. The attention to detail in the villages is outstanding with mosaic clouds floating overhead and enchanting music. The characters are also well defined and beautifully colored and shaded. But where this game really excels is in the fighting scenes. The fighting structure is similar to that in Shining Force although much better. After positioning your fighter and selecting his method of attack (he or she) will run across two screens, then hurl himself at the enemy, hitting or slashing. Both characters react showing both anger or pain creating a totally dramatic effect, the screen then quickly switches to a three quarter view and shows the defeated character exploding in a sparkling light. And there are also some amazing mode 7 and scaling effects in the overhead battle mode. When strategic fighting commands most of a game, scenes like this are what keep RPG players engulfed in a quest. We will go into further detail on this game as we progress and bring you more news on the US release as soon as possible (we are in touch with Sunsoft). If you're one of the few who play import RPG's Albert Odyssey should be your next adventure.

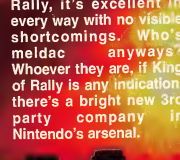
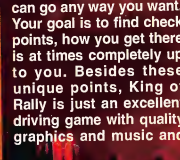
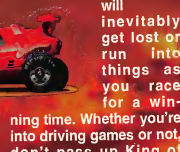
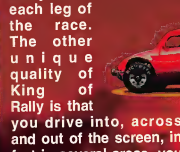
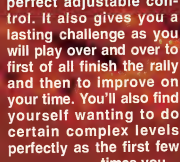
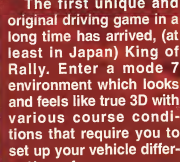


the King of Rally

ARIS • MOSCOW • BEIJING



MELDAC
RACING
1 PLAYER
8 MEG
AVAIL NOW JAPAN



The first unique and original driving game in a long time has arrived, (at least in Japan) King of Rally. Enter a mode 7 environment which looks and feels like true 3D with various course conditions that require you to set up your vehicle differently for each leg of the race. The other unique quality of King of Rally is that you drive into, across and out of the screen, in fact in several areas, you can go any way you want. Your goal is to find check points, how you get there is at times completely up to you. Besides these unique points, King of Rally is just an excellent driving game with quality graphics and music and

perfect adjustable control. It also gives you a lasting challenge as you will play over and over to first of all finish the rally and then to improve on your time. You'll also find yourself wanting to do certain complex levels perfectly as the first few

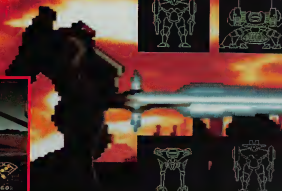
times you will inevitably get lost or run into things as you race for a win-

ning time. Whether you're into driving games or not, don't pass up King of Rally, it's excellent in every way with no visible shortcomings. Who's meldac anyways? Whoever they are, if King of Rally is any indication, there's a bright new 3rd party company in Nintendo's arsenal.

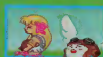
MECH WARRIOR

ACTIVISION
SHOOTER
1 PLAYER
8 MEG
AVAIL NOW

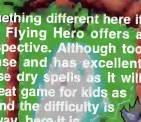
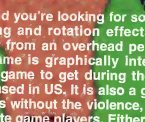
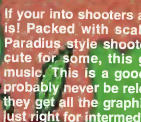
Based on the arcade phenomenon Battle Tech, Mech Warrior is a game I have been eagerly awaiting since I first heard rumors of it's development. With excellent Mode 7 combat scenes and a strong element of strategy, you are thrown into the middle of a virtual reality style combat setting where only the strong survive. Pick your weapons wisely and you MIGHT have a chance! But keep an eye on your weight and temperature or you might find yourself stranded while your Mech is mercilessly pummeled as you cool down. (extremely annoying!) This game is not for the simple minded, so be prepared to spend a lot of time suiting up, and above all don't forget to save your game. Although it's not perfect, I definitely recommend it.



Flying Hero



SOFT
SHOOTING
1 PLAYER
8 MEG
AVAIL NOW JPN



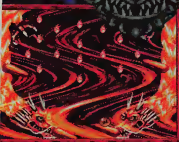
If your into shooters and you're looking for something different here it is! Packed with scaling and rotation effects, Flying Hero offers a Paradius style shooter from an overhead perspective. Although too cute for some, this game is graphically intense and has excellent music. This is a good game to get during those dry spells as it will probably never be released in US. It is also a great game for kids as they get all the graphics without the violence, and the difficulty is just right for intermediate game players. Either way, here it is.



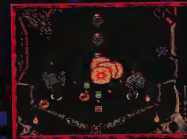
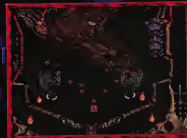
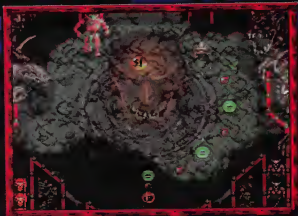
JAKI CRUSH



NAXAT
PINBALL
2 PLAYER
8 MEG
AVAIL NOW JAPAN



Ever since Alien Crush on the TG16, I have been completely addicted to every Naxat pinball game to come out. The thing that makes electronic pinball exciting is the ability to do things you just can't do with a real pinball machine. Devil's crush was (and still is in my opinion) an extremely fun and addicting game that has kept me up late for more nights than I'd like to admit, and when I heard that Naxat was working on a Super Famicom version I was ecstatic! And when I finally got my hands on it I immediately plugged it in, turned it on, and turned up the stereo. WOW, It was sure worth the wait! Although the main board takes a little getting use to, the bonus rounds more than make up for it, with eye popping detail and a pumping Naxat soundtrack, this Game has what few games can offer ... lasting power.





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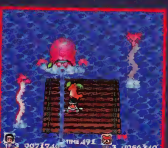
NATSUME
ACTION
2 PLAYER
8 MEG
AVAIL NOW JPN.



This awesome two player game by Natsume will be hitting these shores very soon as Rocky & Poky, but we couldn't wait to show it to you so we got our hands on an import version and here it is. If you're looking for a good two player action game this is definitely the one for you. The music, colors, playability, and use of special effects are all done extremely well. I haven't seen graphics this detailed since Legend of the Mystical Ninja by Konami. That is really the only game I can compare this one to because they both use cute characters that I otherwise wouldn't like, but somehow these two games just overcome that with a good mix of mystical action/storyline and mesmerizing music.

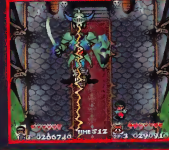
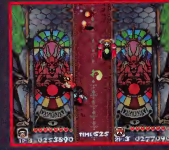


While you're playing the game the character interaction can be extremely unique. For instance, you can run into player two and send him spinning and sliding, bouncing off of everything like a human pinball. Not that that alone is so impressive, but while he's bouncing around he





becomes a weapon. This is actually a worthy attack technique and it's funny at the same time. The attention to detail is also unparalleled, while you're sliding or running, small dust clouds will come off of your feet or your body, and there are also changes in weather conditions accompanied by changes in the music to fit that situation and the enemies that you are fighting. There are also magic spells and incredible control over each character. I would have to say that this is the best game that I have played of this kind, especially because all this takes place in a two player game that is both long and challenging. So keep your eyes open for Rocky & Poky, it's coming soon!



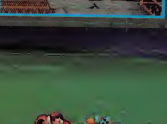
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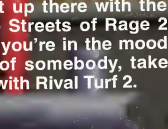
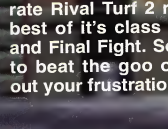
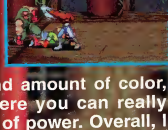
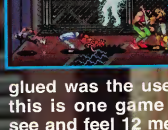
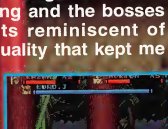
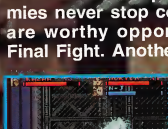
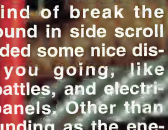
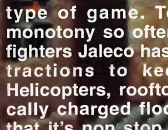
JALECO
ACTION/FIGHTING
2 PLAYER
12 MEG
AVAIL. MAR.



I already know what you're thinking (I have magical powers). No, seriously, you're thinking "hey, I didn't think Rival Turf was so hot, so why should I go out and buy the sequel?". Why? Because RB2 is so different that it doesn't even resemble part 1, this is an entirely new game. Jaleco has first of all beefed up the characters big time and they also have all new moves and better animation. I especially like using Kazan. His triple Jump is one of the most useful techniques I have ever experienced in this



GO!



type of game. To kind of break the monotony so often found in side scroll fighters Jaleco has added some nice distractions to keep you going, like Helicopters, rooftop battles, and electrically charged floor panels. Other than that it's non stop pounding as the enemies never stop coming and the bosses are worthy opponents reminiscent of Final Fight. Another quality that kept me

glued was the use and amount of color, this is one game where you can really see and feel 12 megs of power. Overall, I rate Rival Turf 2 right up there with the best of it's class like Streets of Rage 2 and Final Fight. So if you're in the mood to beat the goo out of somebody, take out your frustrations with Rival Turf 2.



らんま 1/2

RANMA



NCS
FIGHTING
2 PLAYER
12 MEG
AVAIL NOW JPN



Released only months after the original, Ranma 1/2 returns with the original cast of characters as well as a few new ones. The game also has three modes including a team versus mode that allows



you and a friend to choose 5 characters each and battle it out to see who the greatest fighter is.

Ranma 1/2 part 2 has 12 unique characters to choose from (more than any fighting game on a home system), with a whopping 110 different



punches and kicks, each character also has an arsenal of 3 to 4 special attacks to pulverize the opponent.

The graphics are well defined, from the detailed backgrounds to the big animated



game needs. The play control is quick and responsive. You don't need to press a button to block or jump. The different characters give each fight a new play strategy and challenge, and the special moves are completely original. Ranna 1/2 Part 2 breaks from the norm and delivers a great game that's not a clone of the others.



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TURBO TOONS



INTER DESIGNS
ACTION
1 PLAYER
4 MEG
AVAILABLE NOW

Okay, I hate to admit it but I actually had fun with Darkwing Duck. This game has both good and bad points, although unfortunately, there's more bad here than good. For starters the control is pretty sluggish. Hit the jump button and Darkwing jumps about a second later. This takes a lot of getting used to. Secondly, what music there is should be turned off 'cause I've heard better in elevators. My last complaint is that the game is too easy. I finished it my second time in about a half an hour. The good stuff is that it's actually fun to play and features more than just the fun of the mill jump and shoot. The concept is to find missing pieces of a stolen picture and only when all the pieces are found can you go on to fight the boss. Some more things I liked about the game were the colorful characters and cool parallax scrolling. All in all Darkwing Duck is worth checking out, especially for those who have not yet upgraded to the Super CD system.





LEGEND OF HERO TONMA

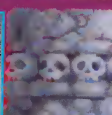
IREM
ACTION
1-PLAYER
4 MEG
AVAIL FEB.



SNES, Genesis, Neo Geo, and CD add-ons. So when The Legend of Hero Tonma crossed my path once again, I realized how far we have come in such a short amount of time. Not that the Legend of Hero Tonma is a bad game (it's not). If all I ever played were Turbograft games I would be thrilled with this title. So I will rate it against other card games on this system. The Legend of



Hero Tonma is a well planned and fun side scroll action game with both vertical and horizontal elements. The attack mechanism can be compared to Mario as you can either shoot or bounce on your attackers heads to defeat them, but the best part of the game is the excellent artwork and sound in the characters. For it's time this was an awesome game and one that is sure to please Turbograft owners even now. So if you haven't upgraded to the Duo yet, The Legend of Hero Tonma is your best bet for a good solid action game.



HUDSON
FIGHTING
2-PLAYER
4 MEG
AVAIL NOW JPN

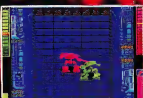
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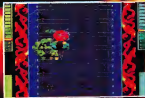
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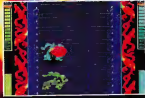
RAM EM'



LIGHTNING CHARGE



FRY HIM!



METALLIC MAYHEM

Here's another unique PC Engine game. However, it doesn't look like this one is scheduled for American release. In Fighting Run, you can race against the computer or a friend. Computer foes include Charlie Sheen, Demi Moore, and other celebrity look-alikes. You control one of two highly digitized robots accelerating through tunnels, beating the living &@#* out of each other. Each time you clear a round, you move to a new area. Weapons at your disposal include shock beams and flame throwers, and as you jet down the lanes you must avoid obstacles and watch for valuable power ups. I know it sounds simple but it is extremely fun. There's also some good voice and awesome digitized intermissions, so the next time you're in the middle of that dry spell, dig up a copy of Fighting Run.



SELECT YOUR LEVEL



SPEED KILL

MAGICAL CHASE



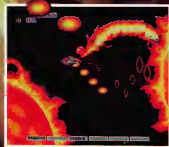
PALSOFT
SHOOTER
1 PLAYER
4 MEG
AVAIL NOW JPN



If you own a Turbo Grafx or PC Engine and you're in search of a quality shooter, look no further! If you can't wait for the American release, which is slightly different by the way, here's a little sample of Magical Chase, perhaps some of the best work Taito has ever done. This shooter features ultra fast scrolling, incredible colors, a vast army of power ups, and the good diversity a shooter needs to compete in today's saturated market. This is truly about as good as it gets on PC Engine or Turbo Grafx.

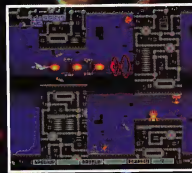
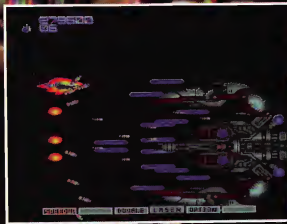


KONAMI
1 PLAYER
SHOOTER
SUPER CD
AVAIL NOW JPN



The Gradius series finally arrives CD style, and man is it intense. Gradius Goler is the Gradius that never made it to our shores. Being a big fan of all the Gradius shooters, this Super CD version is the perfect way to go. All the levels of the original coin op version can be found here with extra intro footage and intermissions not found in the arcade version. The levels are long and challenging, as in all the versions of Gradius, and the bosses are huge with tons of colors and multi layered backgrounds. The music in this version is gnarly with awesome O Sound that you have to hear to believe. If you have a pair of headphones you're going to be blown away, as the music will come from both in front and behind you. For instance, imagine you are about to fight a boss. You're listening to the music and from out of nowhere you hear something behind you. It's a great effect. So, overall if you're a Gradius fan like I am, you will be more than happy with this Super CD version.



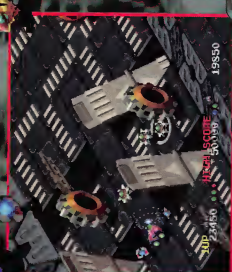


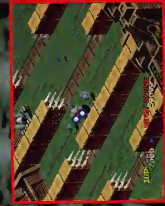
VIEWPOINT

AMERICAN SAMURAI
SHOOTER
2 PLAYER
74 MEG
AVAILABLE NOW

I can't express how happy I am to see a new third party release on the Neo Geo American Samurai really shows off what 74 megs can do. Viewpoint has the best graphics I've ever seen in a shooter. The color shading and animation are breath taking. When I first saw the worms on level two jumping in and out of holes in the ground I couldn't believe I was seeing it in a video game.

Viewpoint is a 3/4 view Zaxxon style game with the basic shoot or be shot game play found in all shooters. The control is a little strange because of the





perspective, and seems to be easier to manage when you're flying in the lower left portion of the play field and harder when in the upper left. You have to be an expert shot dodger if you want to see past level 2. I guarantee you won't solve this game too soon and be upset about spending such a large sum of money on a short lived game. This one is HARD, but without a doubt, well worth the effort to solve.

Another thing I really like is that you can't just whiz through this game if you have a memory card. You can save at the beginning, middle and end of a level, but if you can't beat it,

there's no way to skip anything. True shooter still is the only tool that will get you through this one. My only complaint is that the two player simultaneous feature I saw in the arcade is missing from this home version. Where did it go? The two player mode switches off after each player dies.

I hope this game shows SNK what a good idea it is to license third parties to make games for their system. Perhaps we'll be seeing more diversity in games for the Neo Geo, not just more side scroll fighting and sports games.





CYBER LIP



SNK
ACTION
2 PLAYERS
50 MEG
AVAIL NOW



The Neo Geo is a system with too many Fighting games, so we at Game Fan decided to show you an early Alpha Denshi action game, *Cyber Lip*. With a futuristic story and excellent graphics, *Cyber Lip* is one of those games that I remember well. The game takes place in the year 2020 where a super computer has gone mad. Your job is to destroy this computer and save mankind from a future of computer rule. Although the game is too short (about 20

minutes with a memory card), I found it to be entertaining in many ways. First, the character animation is definitely up to Neo Geo standards, with huge pulsing bosses and awesome level graphics. And, of course, the sound is amazing, with 2 full minutes of speech at the opening of the game. Over all, *Cyber Lip* should be played by everyone with a Neo Geo at least once (Without a memory card!). If more games like this one come out on the Neo Geo, I'll buy them all!





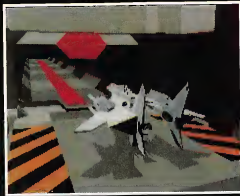
January 7th 1993, the staff of Die Hard Game Fan converged upon the show floor at the 1993 Winter CES. There were over 200 new titles at this show, so we had our work cut out for us. This was a surprisingly good show for Winter. We don't usually see this many promising games until June. As we mentioned in our Editorial Zone, there was much more good than bad and even some surprises. You may notice that this issue has the cleanest screen shots yet, so these shots may seem fuzzy (Video just doesn't come out so hot under the lights.) No worries though, we'll bring you more on all the good ones very soon. But for now, here they are.



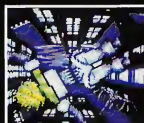
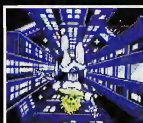
SEGA



The Sega CD had some awesome games but also some questionable no-shows like Sonic CD, Night Striker, and Star Wars.



GAMEARTS' new shooter, Silpheed, was one of the most impressive games at the show combining fractal graphics and huge scaling polygons. Silpheed plays a lot like Star Blade, except that your ship can scale into the screen and is always visible. The version displayed at CES was extremely early with hardly any of the enemies in place and it still stood out as one of the best. The screen shots you see here are of a more recent version that we received from GAMEARTS. Hopefully Silpheed will make its American debut sometime this year.

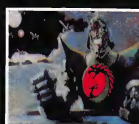


Sega is really taking their time with Batman Returns CD. As you can see they are making good use of the scaling hardware, and the music is awesome.



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FLYING EDGE

MORTAL KOMBAT
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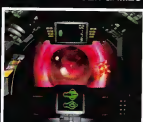
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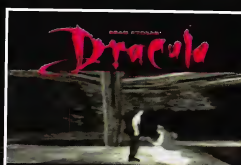
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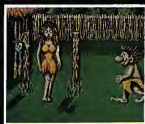
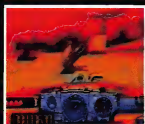
PSYGNOSIS IS BRINGING OUT THEIR INCREDIBLE FULL MOTION GAME MICROCOSM ON CD



SONY'S DRACULA COMBINES SIDE SCROLLING ACTION WITH BEAUTIFUL FULL MOTION. LOOK FOR IT IN MARCH.

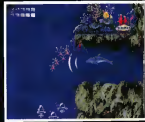
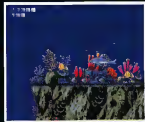
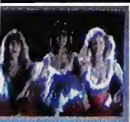


Virgin filmed live actors for the animation in Terminator. If you're one of the many who have been anxiously awaiting this title, I assure you that you will not be disappointed, as the artwork, graphics, and music in Terminator are incredible. It's CD all the way!



AS SEEN IN LAST MONTH'S ISSUE ROAD BLASTERS HAS MADE ITS WAY TO THE SEGA CD AS ROAD AVENGER

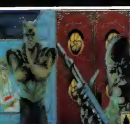
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FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR FINAL FIGHT CD WE ARE HAPPY TO REPORT THAT IT'S TWO PLAYER AND LOOKED AND PLAYED AWESOME. THE MUSIC SOUNDED GOOD AND THERE'S EVEN A TIME ATTACK MODE. FEBRUARY JAPAN ... AMERICA ?



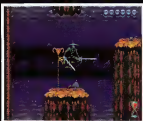
Sega continues their strong support for the cartridge format with quality games and quality third party companies. We keep seeing new and better high meg cartridges, each better than the last, year after year. You don't have to own a CD to enjoy the world of Sega!



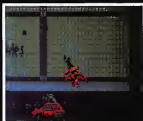
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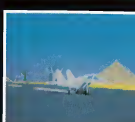
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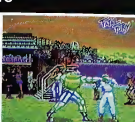
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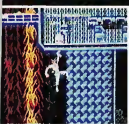


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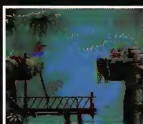


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SEGA MADE A GOOD MOVE BY ACQUIRING COOL SPOT FROM VIRGIN. IT WAS ONE OF THE BEST NEW CARTRIDGE GAMES AT THE SHOW.



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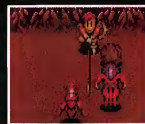
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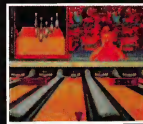
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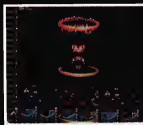
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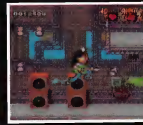
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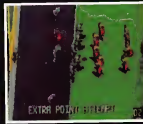
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SUPER NINTENDO ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM

Nintendo blew everybody away with the dome, which was by far the most exciting attraction we ever experienced at a CES show. Nintendo's SFX chip promises arcade quality games without an arcade size investment.



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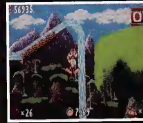
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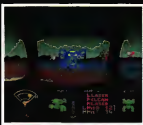
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Overall Sega had a great show. Games like Rocket Knight Avengers, Ecco, Fatal Fury, Aero the Acrobat, Flashback, Mortal Kombat, Dashing Desperados, Battletoads, Splatterhouse 3, Flintstones, Blaster Master, and Cool Spot show their commitment to the cartridge format. Games such as Batman Returns, Silpheed, Dracula, and Final Fight show us that the CD is off to a great start and exciting new peripherals like Virtua continue to give us Sega users a vast array of choices in our never ending quest for new and exciting experiences in the video game world.



MECH WARRIOR
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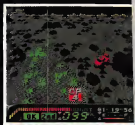
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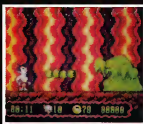
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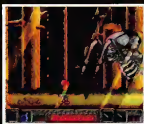
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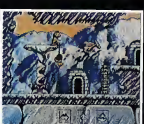
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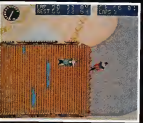
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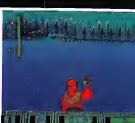
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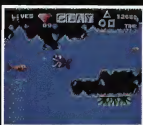
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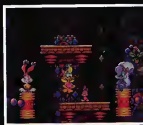
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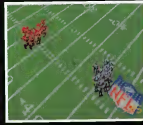
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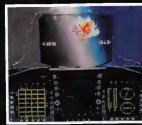
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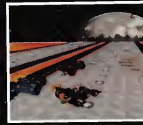
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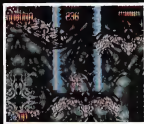
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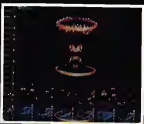
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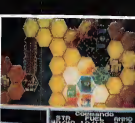
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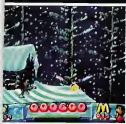
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For a relatively new system, there is an incredible amount of quality software available for the SNES and many companies are showing us powers that we never knew the system had. Obviously, with the right programmers, SNES cartridge games can rival just about anything on CD or even in the arcades. And games like Starfox give us new hope for the future. 3D scaling games are now within reach, opening the doors for games such as F-Zero 2 and hopefully a sequel to Pit in Wings. Nintendo displayed some of the strongest third party support we've ever seen. It makes you wonder why they need a CD at all, but I'll take it. Hopefully we'll see some absent favorites in June.

TURBO DUAL

T.T.I. had an extremely strong showing. My personal favorite being the sequel to one of my favorite action/RPG's, Dungeon Explorer 2 looked and sounded incredible. Another surprise was Lords of Thunder, one of the most powerful sequels in recent memory, and then there's Cotton and Riot Zone, and guess what's just around the corner ... ?



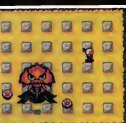
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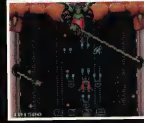
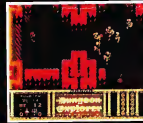


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GAIN GROUND
NEC AVENUE



BEST OF THE SHOW ... CES WINTER '93



STARFOX IS AWESOME AND SO IS SILPHEED (FOR ABOUT 30 MINUTES) I'LL TAKE ROCKET KNIGHT ADVENTURES.



ONCE I STEPPED INTO THE DOME MY MIND WAS MADE UP. STARFOX ... GAME OF THE SHOW.



WITH ALL THE COOL GAMES AT THE SHOW THE ONE CLOSEST TO BEING AS COOL AS ME WAS STARFOX



YOU DO NOT KNOW THE POWER THAT STARFOX POSSESSES. THIS IS ONLY A FRACTION OF THE SFX POWER AND I STILL THINK IT WAS THE BEST GAME THERE



KID FANTASTIC EATS LIKE A VIKING SO NATURALLY IT'S HIS PICK OF THE SHOW ... BURP!



SINCE CHAMPION EDITION WAS NOWHERE TO BE FOUND, NATURALLY I CHOSE STARFOX. SILPHEED WASN'T BAD EITHER.



STARFOX DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING ON SILPHEED. I WAS THRILLED WITH THE SMOOTH SCALING AND FRACTAL MOUNTAINS ... STUNNING!

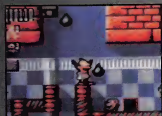
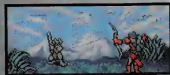


SINCE THIS IS THE ONLY GAME I DON'T HAVE A CODE TO, AND I LIKE A THINKING MAN'S GAME, LEGEND OF HEROS IS MY FAVORITE.

HANDS ON PORTABLES



Can you believe it? Shining Force (originally a 12 meg Mega Drive game) has actually made its way onto the Game Gear in Japan. And what's even harder to believe is that it is an incredibly faithful translation. If you're not familiar with this title, it is one of the best strategy/RPG's of all time. Since we know it's coming out here for the Genesis, we hope it shows up on the Game Gear as well. Pleeese!



KRUSTY'S FUN HOUSE



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DOUBLE DRAGON



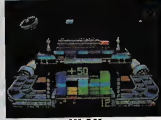
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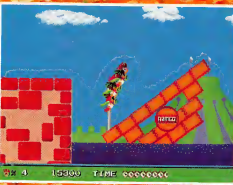


KLAX



Looks like Sega's really pulling it together with the game gear! As if these new titles weren't enough, we saw an incredible Game Gear version of Mortal Kombat at the CES that you'll have to see to believe. The version shown here is extremely early, but look at those characters! On Game Gear? Oh yes, you can link up for two player action.

THE GRAVEYARD



If you're into long Mario-style action games full of warps and wacked out bosses than this month's Graveyard had dug up a game you should not miss. Namco's arcade translation of Marvel Land. Although the character is small, the huge backgrounds and incredible diverse game play make this game super fun and challenging. You'll also experience some excellent rotation freedom seen on cartridge and the bonus rounds (pictured below) is like a trip to Disneyland! Although the control takes some getting use to it's well worth it as this game should last you quite a while. A password feature is included

so that you can pick up from anywhere in the game. The one thing I would recommend is that you at least hook up with audio/video, but if you get your hands on some RGB cables you'll enjoy this game a whole lot more as the detail really comes out. Either way, the next time that inevitable dry spell hits (and it will I can tell you) Marvel land is one game that will help get you through. Cya next month in the Graveyard



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OTHER STUFF

Welcome to Other Stuff #4 where you'll read the facts not fiction. Some of the other mags have made some major mistakes in their international coverage (if you can call it coverage) and our Japanese correspondent has expressed some major concern. Most third party companies in Japan are aware of U.S. coverage on import titles and do not appreciate these misconceptions. So without naming names, here are some facts:

First of all, Golden Axe 3, Thunder Force V, and Shining Force 3 are NOT available on Mega CD. Golden Axe 3 is a cartridge due out in March, Thunder Force V is not even announced, and Shining Force 3 is not even being considered as they are currently working on part 2.

Second of all, Wolfteam is NOT making Starblade on Mega CD, and they are absolutely NO plans for Galaxian 3. Wolfteam's last LD game was Road Blasters and they are currently no LD game translations being considered at Wolfteam.

And Third, Lunar 2 is NOT in development. It is being considered but that's it right now. Game Arts is still concentrating on the completion of Silpheed. And Finally, Time Gal is NOT available now in the U.S. Telenet is considering a U.S. version but the license has not yet been picked up. We don't mean to bag on the other mags but we feel it is unfair for you to get your hopes up for something that doesn't even exist. We work hard to bring you up to date honest news from Japan, we travel there very frequently, and our sources are extremely reliable. Maybe if those other guys want some good information they should read Game On. Oh ya ... one more thing, if I hear that Atari's got a 64 bit system for \$99 one more time, I'm gonna hurl! And how about this ... a 64 bit Nintendo CD that plays Game Boy games (oh, ya right). And Mortal Kombat won't be at the CES ... right? ... wrong! It's all over the place. Genesis, SNES, and even Game Gear. I could go on and on, but I have some actual reporting to do.

Here's some news on the Neo Geo. 3 Count Bout will have between 70-80 meg, will have 8 characters, and is due out around late march. Art of Fighting 2 is due out Summer '93 and could be as much as 150 meg, this may also be an entirely different game. Magician Lord 2 is due in the 2nd half of '93 and will be over 100 meg. Crystalis will be released 4th quarter of '93 and approach 200 meg. There is a first person perspective driving game from SNK due out sometime in '93. Alpha Denshi, American Sammy, Wave, Sunsoft, and Visco are all developing games for the Neo Geo, and additional third party developers will probably be announced in our next issue. Official announcements on the SNK CD Rom will be told this spring. Early reports say that SNK wanted a Neo Geo add on but Sony had reservations concerning the price of such a peripheral, and is studying the possibility of making a lower cost SNK CD system. Some titles will be released for CD and Neo Geo cart simultaneously. Info on price and specs is about as water tight as a frogs butt at this moment.

Other news ...

Sega is bringing out Shining Force and Landstalker this year ... Good choice. More good news from Sega is Virtua, the virtual reality peripheral for the Genesis. We got to put it on at the show and let me tell you, this is awesome Virtual Reality! Sega's done it right. With an active matrix screen, now you can plug your AV cables from your Genesis into the side of your head and be transformed into the game. Look up, down, left, or right, it's all smooth graphics. Look for Virtua this fall. The best Sega news from Japan right now is that Power Drift will finally come out on CD this year. It won't be perfect, but it will have scaling and rotation and come close to the arcade experience. Another exciting announcement is that Sonic 3 is already being discussed, and Wolfteam's got some new CD technology (see opposite page) that will knock your socks off! And Fantasy IV will now be 16 meg (originally announced 8) Oh ya ... I can't forget about Michael. Ye airbrushed buddy, Mr. Jackson recently visited Sega of Japan to discuss his next game. As soon as we find out what it is we'll let you know.

Now for some Nintendo news ...

We scooped out Seta's Nosferatu at the show, and it looks way good. Look for it Fall this year (16 meg). Other new announcements include Gdleen for Nintendo CD featuring complete voice (no text!), Super Ninja Gaiden, Super Megaman, Super Hero Racing, (SFX ... Zoom!), and Aladdin by Capcom. Next month we'll give you actual specs on the Nintendo CD, but here's some early facts. Processor: 32 bit RISC CPU (NEC V810) running at 21 mhz. 2x access speed, 12 meg of ram, and the games are encased (similar to optical discs). I thought Starfox was awesome, but this CD is serious stuff ... Priced right.

Wait a second! This just in. Sega may (almost definitely) bring out Art of Fighting for Sega CD! And Fatal Fury 2 by Takara, may be on it's way for the SNES. And for the Duo, John Madden '93 has been announced. By the way, T.T.I. had a strong show and at 32 bit system is a monster waiting in the closet, look for it around November in Japan. We had a ton of 3DO info, but unfortunately I'm out of space. We'll do an in depth next issue. So I'm done for now, so look at the pictures! See you next month in Other Stuff.



It's the one we've all been waiting for. Sonic CD will make it's debut in Japan this March.



PROBOTECTOR ALIEN REBELS

Check out the German version of Contra Force, Probotector. If you're a Contra fan this one's a real collector's item. It may be hard to find, but it's worth it ... cool characters.



GOLDEN AXE



Here's the sequel all us Sega gamers have been waiting for. It's the all new 8 meg Golden Axe III. Not only is the game longer and graphically better than it's predecessors but check out the awesome new characters. Luckily it's not based on the boring new arcade version. This is an all new adventure!



THE NINJA WARRIORS

Look what we got. Just before we went to print on this issue our early ROM of Ninja Warriors for Mega CD showed up. We didn't have time to do the whole layout but we just couldn't resist showing you a few preliminary shots. One thing for sure though, it's exact to the arcade version with the option of either arranged or arcade music. And there's even a cool Zuntata mini movie included. So if you're a fan of Ninja Warriors (as we are) tune in next month for an awesome spread on one of Taito's best accomplishments.





There are two actual 3D screen shots. Unfortunately, these are the only ones we are allowed to show. We'll have a full preview next month.



LaserActive—a new wave sweeping through the entertainment world



Yet another new system on the horizon. Pioneer's Laser Active plays both Sega and Turbo CD's as well as all new Mega LD titles (as shown above) on both 8" and 12" Laserdisks. More next month.



Check out Sega's awesome new Virtual Reality system Virtua. This stunning new peripheral uses an Active Matrix screen to put you in the game like never before. This is full on Virtual Reality.



A new generation in CD gaming is taking off. Wolfteam's brand new concept in CD technology is shown here in the game Apros. From beginning to end it's all computer graphics. Although Wolfteam is known for their Mega CD development, no format has been announced. Early rumors indicate compatibility on numerous formats.



Japan: Telex-Soft/Activision

My brother Mario is on his way with a new sequel. I hope he has a rotten time!



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Super Mario Bros. the movie hits theaters this coming May. You may have thought this would be a kiddie flick, but no way! Check out Dennis Hopper and his Goombas and Bob Hoskins as Mario. This movie looks HOT. Don't miss it.



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There's always, when a hot game comes out in Japan there's always a commercial to go with it. Here's some footage from the incredible Fatal Fury 2 commercial. Hey, Why don't we have these over here?



Up to 4 players can play simultaneously in Konami's new side scroll action game Mystic Warriors.



Dynasty Wars 2 by Capcom is one of the first arcade games to include Q Sound. Excellent graphics and great game play definitely make this one worth a quarter!



New in Japan is Sega's 32 bit fighting game Dark Edge. Fight to the death in an actual 3D environment! Look for this incredible new fighting game to make it's U.S. debut soon.



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Hey you! I'm the Postmeister here to answer all your questions, no matter what you want to ask me, ask! I've got the answer! So write me a letter or i'll come to your house and steal your mail ... cuz I'm CrAZY!!

Dear Game Fan!

Though your mag is tough to get here in Germany, I managed to get my hands on your first three issues and I'd like to say: It's totally awesome! Keep up the good work!

So have a few questions for you:

1) In the Golden Megawards choice "Lunar - The Silver Star" was mentioned as one of the best imports of 1992. Please! please! Include a preview of this fantastic looking RPG for the Mega CD in one of your next issues and tell me when it'll be released in the U.S.

2) Because of the obvious lack of RPG's for the Super NES and Super NES I'd like to see a coverage of all these great looking Japanese RPG's in a following issue of your mag (perhaps with information about the probability to be released in the U.S.).

Sincerely,
Christian Hepp
Esselsheim, Germany

Postmeister:

Dear Christian,

We really appreciate the kind words about our mag, especially since you're in Germany where there are already some quality publications. We are working on getting more Game Fan's into Europe since we know you guys are hardcore gamers. As for Lunar, that I've heard is that originally, Virgin was looking at it, but supposedly was out-bid by Sega themselves. This was back in October '92. Since then I haven't heard much, but after playing and finishing Lunar I can tell you somebody will definitely bring out very soon. However, for now you'll have to wait with our 2 page spread coming in our next issue. And I promise you that as we go up in pages we will be bringing you more and more import RPG's, there is a definite shortage in America and Europe like, and hopefully, we'll make a difference and more these imports will make it over here and there. Talk to you soon.

Dear Game Fan Staff,

Issue two keeps what works and helps loose that doesn't... way to go! The best thing I've noticed about your Magazine is that it tells me about some different system options. I own the NES, SNES, Gameboy, Master, Genesis, Game Gear, Turbo Duo, and Lynx systems (along with many pre-1995 systems), and bought more than 35 games in the past year just counting 8 bit and 16 bit games (mostly action/adventure). When a new version of Forgotten Worlds was announced, I didn't just want to hear

"Thumbs Up" or "Thumbs Down" in general, but how it stacks up to my Genesis version (you said it doesn't and saved me money and time). I hate buying the exact game for more than one system when only cosmetic changes were made, or worse, buying the lowest quality version of a much copied game like Paperboy or Prince of Persia.

Keep delivering the straight talk and my subscription.

Michael Powell
Columbus, Ohio

Postmeister:

Dear Mike,

You're the kind of enthusiast gamer that we're writing to. It's nice to see that that our format is working and you're saving some money. There's no place in this industry for bad games, and I can assure you that no matter how big we get we will continue to bag on companies that release these \$60 black holes. We feel that there are enough quality companies out there to keep us going. So you may not see as many ads in Game Fan as the other guys, but what you will see is more coverage on good games. Let the other guys cover the bad ones. Thanks for the note, talk to you soon.

Dear Game Fan Staff,

Finally, a real Magazine that tells it like it is. Unlike the other magazines that review their games not for their graphics, music, and playability, but for how much they're paid by the development company. Also you're not afraid to rate the newer Neo Geo games (I don't want to mention names, but they're as easy as ABC), unlike the other guys who won't rate them because they're too good to be rated as S's and

6's, and us readers would revolt. Of course the games they won't review are: Art of Fighting, Viewpoint, World Heroes, Baseball Stars 2, etc. All of which have already been reviewed by Die Hard Game Fan, and after only 3 issues! Watch out, there's a new mag in town and it's kicking @#! and taking names. So I guess if you want it all (great photographs, early releases, and no bull), there's only one choice and that's Die Hard Game Fan!

Keep up the good work and please don't let us loyal gamers' down!

Thanks,
Paul Ganskow
Lake Jackson, Texas

Postmeister:

You know, Paul, I could never figure out why none of the other magazines did in-depth reviews on Neo Geo games. It is an incredible system and it is extremely fun to cover. So it's expensive ... it's not like there's nobody out there who's got the money. Enthusiast gamers will always find a way to enjoy the best. (Drive a Toyota, own a Neo Geo, drive a Vette see as many ads in Game Fan as the other guys, own a GameBoy) The fact is, there are thousands of Geo owners out there and they deserve quality coverage and we're going to give it to them. Not only that, but SNK is going into CD-ROM development. That means cheaper games. Watch all the other magazines jump on the band wagon when that happens. Just remember, we were the first.

The Postmeister got loose this month and ate all our controllers so we're all really depressed, so write him more letters or we'll have to send Montaur in there to work him over, cuz he's CrAZY!

See ya' next month!

THE POSTMEISTER



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Micro Machines	Dev.	Camelot
Chakan	Act.	Sega
Double Dragon III	Act.	Flying Edge
Roger Clemens	Spt.	Flying Edge
George Foreman	Spt.	Flying Edge
Raid to the Rescue	Act.	EA
Chester Cheetah	Act.	Kaneko
Tyrants	Strg.	Virgin
Batman Rvng. Joker	Act.	Sunsoft
Jeopardy	Ent.	Gametek
American Gladiators	Spt.	Gametek
Humans	Pzl.	Gametek
James Bond 007	Act.	Teigen
Paperboy 2	Act.	Tengen
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FEB.

Mohammed Ali	Spt.	Virgin
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BatFetloads	Act.	Tradewest
Flintstones	Act.	Taito
Keeper of the Gate	Act.	Razorsoft
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Terminator 2 Jng. Boy	Act.	Flying Edge
Amazing Tennis	Spt.	Alissoft
Seven Cities of Gold	Adv.	EA

SEGA CD JAN.

Jaguar MJ220	Dev.	JYC
MYOM C & C Music	Ent.	Sony
Monkey Island	Adv./Rpg.	Sony
Dungeon Master	Rpg.	JYC
MYOM IXLS	Ent.	Sony
Willy Beamish	Adv.	Sierra

FEB./MAR.

Terminator	Act.	Virgin
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Rise of the Dragon	Adv./Rpg.	Sega
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Dracula	Act.	Sony

SUPER NES JAN.

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Aerobiz	Strg.	Knei

FEB.

Allen 3	Act.	Lyn
Harley's Humorous Adv. Act.	HTE	
Battle Blaze	Fig.	Am. Sammy
Night & Magic II	Rpg.	Am. Sammy
Terminator II Arcade Str.	LJN	
Terminator II Jng. Boy	Act.	LJN
Sim Earth	Sim.	FBI
Sonic Mastman	Act.	Taito
Cool World	Act.	Ocean
Radio Flyer	Str.	Ocean
Utopia	Spt.	Jaleco
Super High Impact	Spt.	Acclaim
Super Strike Eagle	Sim.	Microprose
King Arthur's Quest	Pzl.	Jaleco
Powder Punch 3	Fig.	Amr.

NEO GEO JAN./FEB.

Super Side Kick	Spt.	SNK
Fatal Fury II	Fig.	SNK

TURBO GRAFX JAN./FEB.

Buster Bros. (GB)	Act./Pzl.	TTI
Darkwing Duck	Act.	TTI
Legend of Hero Tonna	Act.	TTI
Lords of Thunder (SCD)	Str.	TTI
World Sports Competition	Spt.	TTI

LYNX JAN./FEB.

Rolling Thunder	Act.	Atari
Cabal	Act/Str.	Atari
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Raiden	Str.	Atari
Double Dragon	Fgt.	Telegame
Lemmings	Pzl.	Atari
Jimmy Connor's	Spt.	Atari
Battle Zone 2000	Spt.	Atari
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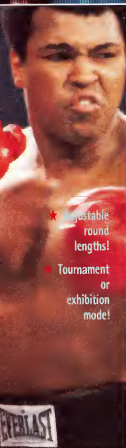
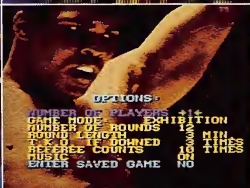
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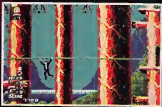


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